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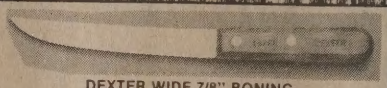

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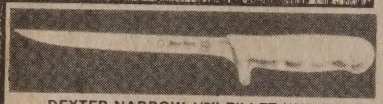

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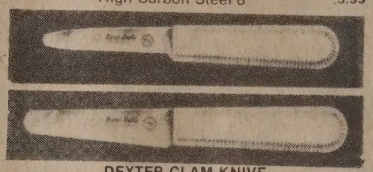

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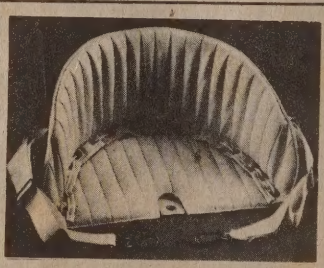

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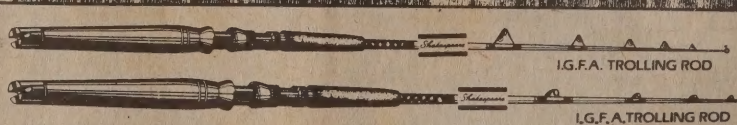

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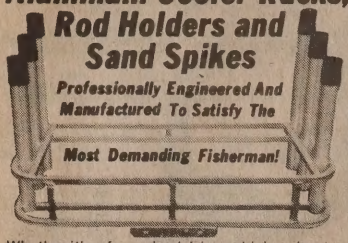

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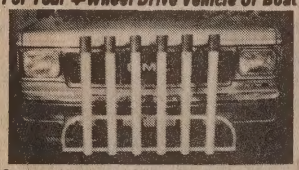

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EDITORIAL

A LAST CALL FOR YOUR HELP: PARKLANDS BILL ALMOST A REALITY

You'll recall over a month ago, we let you know that the Parklands Bill (bill to prohibit commercial activities unrelated to recreation from the state parks) had passed the Assembly. We also told you that we had a good chance to move it out of committee and onto the floor of a stubborn Senate if you would write to Senators.

Well, congratulations. You did write. Boy, did you write. From almost every county and to almost every Senator on the list. The Bill was moved out of committee onto the Senate floor and passed on Wednesday, June 18th. The bill did not have to be amended for its content, thus becoming Legislative Bill 21028. When corresponding to the Governor, please refer to this new bill, as well as the previous "Parklands Bill," A 4186 and S 3220.

In case you aren't familiar with this legislation, let us provide a brief review. About five years ago, we began moving with legislation to eliminate the intimidation and interference of recreational users of state parks by commercial operations. We received many stories that essentially said: "We were pushed out of the way by them. They didn't care that we were (swimming, walking, fishing, sunbathing, etc.), they told us they were making a living and to hell with us."

It made sense to us and many others that the state parks, which are funded and maintained by taxpayer dollars to provide recreational opportunities, should be safe havens for recreation. We introduced the legislation, but it was stalled repeatedly. This year, Assemblyman Patrick Halpin picked up the bill and got it passed in the Assembly. His success in the Assembly set the stage for our big push in the Senate.

Now, we're a gnat's whisker from getting this bill signed into law. There is only one more hurdle, and that's the Governor. Among Governor Cuomo's advisors are voices from the East End of Long Island. These voices are very protective of commercial fishing interests. We have good reason to believe that these voices will be working on the Governor not to sign. It does not mean, however, that these voices will be successful.

In addition, the Governor has just recently ordered the ban on the commercial harvest of striped bass, and he will be reluctant to add another piece of legislation against the East End Baymen's Association. However, on the other side of this coin, one may be inclined to think that it will be easier to sign this bill into law because there will be less interest among haul seine crews especially, because a number of them have already begun moving into other activities. Actually, the Parklands Bill will take very little beach front away from the haul seine crews, but that fact was previously overlooked in the emotional reaction to the legislation.

What this all means is that there will be some lobbying to convince the Governor not to sign this bill. If the Governor's office receives little or no input from us, he will feel he can veto it. However, if we generate the same groundswell of support for this legislation that we did in the Senate, he will not be able to ignore it and will be forced to sign it into law.

It's hard for us to ask you to pick up pens again. We know you want to go fishing, and we know writing letters to public officials is not a barrel of laughs. However, this is a golden opportunity and we are very, very close to success. We told you your letters would make a difference in the Senate and they did. Now your letters to the Governor can make a difference. If we do our job, this should be the last call for help on this legislation and the state parks will be safe-havens for recreation always.

Please write today. Make it simple and to the point. Tell the Governor that you and your family use the state parks for recreation and that you do not believe recreational activities should be interfered with by unrelated commercial activity. Tell the Governor you support Legislative Bill 21028, Assembly Bill 4186 and Senate Bill 3220—the Parklands Bill, and urge him to sign it into law immediately.

If you have a personal incident of intimidation, relate that to the Governor. Incidentally, thanks for sending copies of letters to the LIF office—that was a big help! If you could also do that with letters to the Governor, we'd appreciate it. Doing so prevents the "We didn't get any letters" syndrome at the Governor's office.

We need your help! With it we can get this job done. How about it all you clubs, LIBBA, UMS, Montauk Surfcasters? You, and all the independent fishermen too, are the power that moves legislation. Write today: Governor Mario Cuomo, State Capital, Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224.

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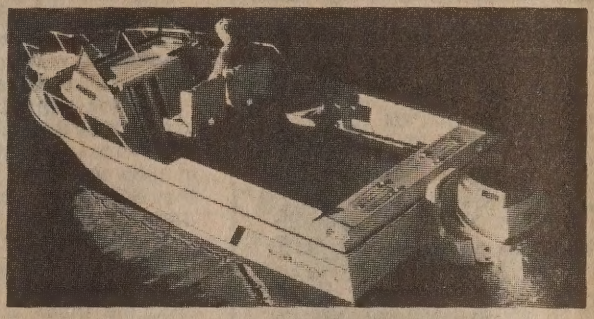

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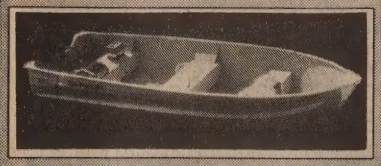

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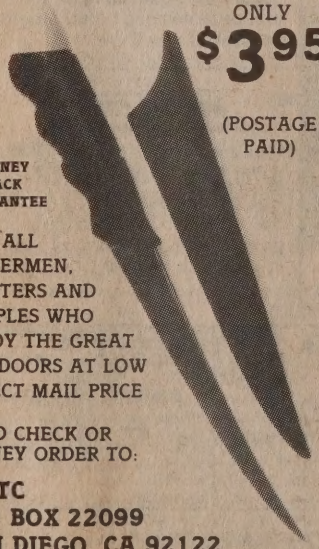

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The new regulations became effective on May 8th because striped bass taken from New York marine waters in 1985 contained PCBs in excess of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's tolerance level of 2 ppm.

"When the period for public comment ended on June 20th, the DEC had received comments from 332 individuals, many of them representing organizations of both recreational and commercial fishermen and petitions signed by 814 individuals," Williams said.

"More time is needed to review these comments. We want to be sure the views of everyone affected or having an interest in striped bass are considered before final regulations are filed," said Williams.

The original 60 day emergency regulatory period expired on Saturday, July 5th. The extension filed on July 3rd with the Secretary of State will keep the emergency regulations in effect until July 15th.

CARNEY SAYS NO TO SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE

Congressman William Carney strongly opposed a plan offered by the Administration and supported by the House majority, to create a mandatory federal license for saltwater recreational fishermen.

Angling for a way to cut the deficit, the Administration proposed the yearly license in its 1987 federal budget as a means of reducing the national debt by about $200 million over the next five years. But Congressman Carney charged that the plan is nothing more than a hidden tax on sport fishermen, and could have a disastrous impact on Long Island's recreational boating and fishing industries.

"This proposal is all wet," said Mr. Carney, the ranking minority member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries subcommittee on oversight and investigations, which held hearings on the license plan on June 19th. "Recreational fishermen already pay many millions of dollars in special taxes each year. The federal government should not ask them to pay more, especially for a system that would be impossible to enforce."

Mr. Carney noted that sport fishermen currently pay a 10 percent federal excise tax on most fishing tackle, and a nine cents a gallon tax on boat fuel. Through these and other taxes, the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, which provides grants to states to support local marine management programs, landed over $122 million this year alone.

In proposing the license, the Administration said the program should encompass **all** coastal waters, not just those three to 200 miles off the beach currently under federal control. Commercial fish operations would be not be included. The Administration also called for each coastal state to keep half of the license fee, sending the rest on to the general federal treasury.

"I agree that steps must be taken to cut the deficit," the Congressman said. "But a new tax—and that's all this license really is—isn't the way to do it. You trim the deficit by trimming spending, not by overtaxing the sport fishermen who would gain nothing from this plan."

The Congressman added that if the Democratically-controlled House of Representatives had not taken the bait on the Administration's budget plan, Congress would not be considering the saltwater license. In what was essentially a party line vote, the House earlier this year approved a budget resolution which assumes the enactment of the fishing license plan.

Congressman Carney said he is confident the license can be defeated. "I will work closely with my colleagues in the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee to prevent this idea from ever reaching the floor of the House," he said. "If I have my way, the saltwater fishing license will remain dead in the water."

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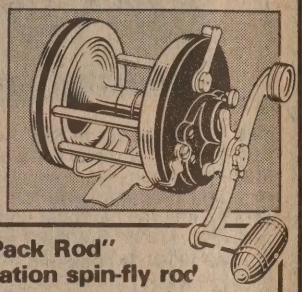

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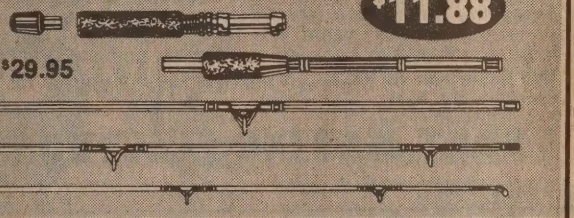

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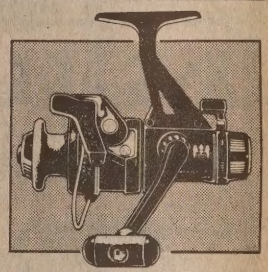

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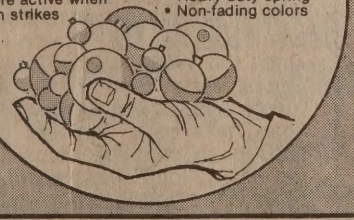

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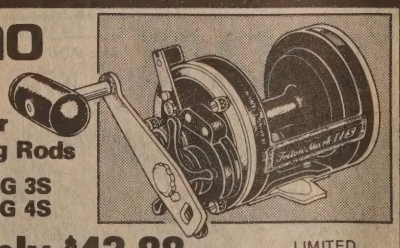

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The money in the 1987 Appropriations bill still must be approved by the full House and then by the Senate. It is also subject to the results of an Army Corps of Engineers study. But I will continue to work hard to see that the Federal Government fulfills its responsibility to keep the Inlet safe and navigable.

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A new $2.20 commemorative stamp booklet, featuring five fish common to U.S. waters, was issued March 21, 1986, in Seattle, Washington, during the 50th anniversary convention of the National Wildlife Federation. It became available the next business day at post offices nationwide. Each booklet contains two identical panes of five 22-cent stamps with different designs.

Senior Assistant Postmaster General Mitchell H. Gordon was the featured speaker for a dedication ceremony in the Seattle Sheraton Hotel. Curtis Mack, Deputy Administrator of NOAA made a presentation at the ceremony.

The fish depicted from top to bottom on each booklet pane are the muskellunge, Atlantic cod, largemouth bass, bluefin tuna and catfish. Wildlife artist Chuck Ripper of Huntingdon, West Virginia, designed all five multicolor stamps as well as the two-color booklet cover.

Wildlife and its conversation have been popular U.S. stamp subjects since the 1956 Wildlife Conservation Series, which featured the antelope, turkey, and salmon. Land animals and birds have been depicted on many subsequent wildlife stamps, including the 1981 Wildlife booklet and the 1982 State Birds and Flowers issue. Since the 1956 salmon stamp, however, fish have not appeared as frequently. A bluegill was shown on the 1970 "Save Our Water" stamp, and a trout on a 1971 Wildlife Conservation Stamp. Other fish appear in the designs of

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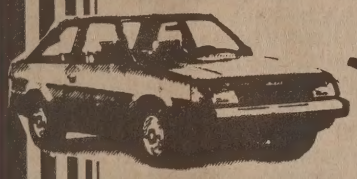

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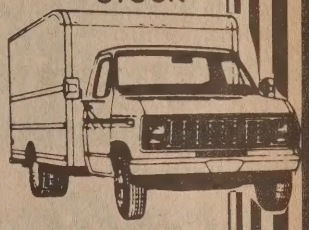

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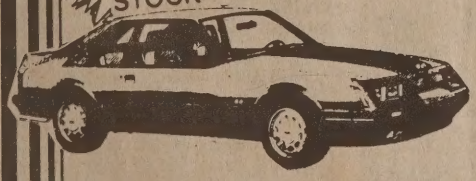

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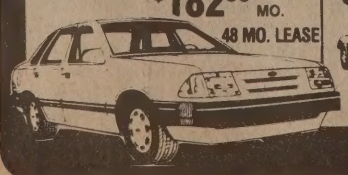

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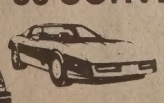

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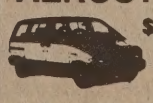

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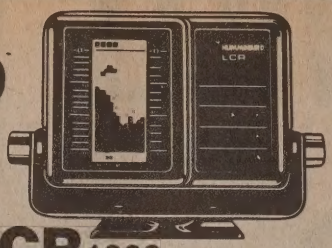

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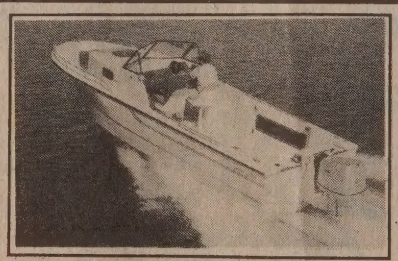

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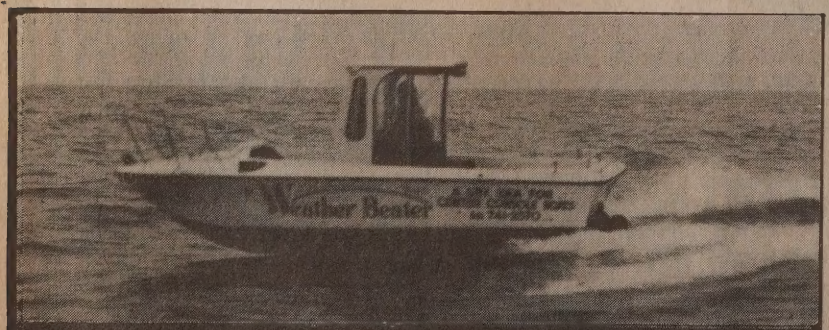

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THE FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN FISHERIES

"I'm prepared to work with you in the marine recreational fishing community," NOAA chief Anthony J. Calio told an audience of 140 at the National Coalition for Marine Conservation's 11th annual Marine Recreational Fisheries Symposium. "It's going to take your participation as well. I'm prepared to meet you halfway, understand what the issues are, and work with you collectively to make sure that marine recreational fishing gets its fair share and its day in court as far as federal considerations are concerned."

Dr. Calio was the keynote speaker at "Fish Know No Boundaries," a symposium on multi-jurisdictional management of marine fisheries organized by the National Coalition for Marine Conservation and held in Tampa, Florida on May 1 and 2. After delivering his address on the federal role in fisheries management, the new administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) began fulfilling his pledge to the MRF community by staying the duration of the two day conference, candidly answering questions from the audience and meeting informally with representatives of the NCMC and other organizations.

Calio struck three recurring themes in his prepared remarks on the future of fisheries management under his administration: strong leadership, accountability and minimum federal involvement. Only six months into his administration, the head of NOAA, which includes the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), has already asserted his intent to make big changes, where necessary, in the way the agency conducts its fisheries affairs.

Citing the implementation of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MFCMA) as the principle federal responsibility in fisheries, Calio reduced the federal role under the MFCMA to two things: conservation and allocation of marine resources. He views the present complex system of interaction between the Regional Fishery Management Councils, the NMFS and the state government in making conservation and allocation decisions as "a very difficult one." This prompted him, he said, to convene a special Council/NOAA Task Group to study "the way we operate" under the MFCMA. A draft report, entitled "An Evaluation of the Implementation of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act," has been released for public review, with a final report incorporating public comment expected by the middle of the summer.

In addition, Calio has augmented this study with still another, this one impaneled to look at alternate systems of marine resource manage-

ment. The report of this "blue ribbon committee" is due on June 15, but the symposium audience got a preview of some of the "alternative concepts" for the conservation and allocation activities being considered. The most intriguing, by far, is the establishment of a "marine resources reserve board" similar to the Federal Reserve Board which controls the nation's money supply. The 9-member board would be responsible for making conservation decisions, i.e., determining acceptable levels of harvest while maintaining an adequate, long term supply.

Under this scheme, the fish would be allocated to users by a "council structure," the same as or similar to the one that exists today. To depoliticize the council membership, a "major concern" under the present system, the names of prospective members would be submitted to a "screening board" instead of to the state governors. The board would screen the nominees according to a set of national standards and select three qualified persons for each position to submit to the Secretary of Commerce.

Regardless of whether or not there is a new management structure or simply a fine tuning of the existing one, the federal role, says Dr. Calio, is to oversee and administer that system, and to support it with scientific research and law enforcement. This is his vision of a "streamlined" federal role in fisheries: research, enforcement and oversight. There is no place, he stated emphatically and more than once, for federal involvement in marketing and development activities for the commercial or recreational fishing industries.

As for research, Calio said NMFS must be more responsive to the needs of the management councils and the fishing industry, and must design its research programs with a "long term commitment" to meeting these needs. Government research should concentrate on the fish and their ecosystems, he pointed out, leaving the social and economic studies of the fisheries to private industry.

Another objective of his administration, Calio said, will be to build accountability into the system. This means clearly defining responsibilities within the management structure, and then holding those responsible accountable for performing their jobs effectively. For example, NMFS must be held accountable for providing the councils with the necessary research and the council members must be held accountable for the decisions they make based on the information available to them.

Calio, perhaps aware that his fisheries credentials are not strong and wanting to assure his audience that these issues will receive a fair amount of his attention within the broader NOAA framework, had prefaced his remarks by pointing out that while fisheries activities account for only 15 percent of NOAA's total budget and manpower, he personally has devoted over 50 percent of his time to fisheries issues. This prompted one observer to good-humoredly suggest that he could reduce the amount of time spent worrying about fisheries to 15 percent by simply giving fisheries 50 percent of the NOAA budget.

Actually, the restrictive budgetary climate in Washington, particularly the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings mandatory spending cuts, makes future funding for NMFS programs uncertain, Calio said, but he predicted approximately a 20 percent cut in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1987, a level he says he can live with. The present level of $170 million is "too much money," he thinks, because it contains too many items for "special interests" that don't belong in the federal budget. However, he also said the President's proposed funding of $96 million was not enough. "A $130-$40 million level for the NMFS is a very meaningful budget," he said, "where we can do many of the things, if not all the things, we are responsible to do," which is research, enforcement and oversight of the federal management regime.

Finally, speaking on the subject of the Administration's highly controversial proposal for a marine sport fishing license, Calio indicated the licence idea is still very much alive but currently undergoing revision. The

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license will probably be expanded to cover all saltwater fishermen, both recreational and commercial, he said, with the monies raised from license sales going to the "improvement of the fisheries." He promised that marine recreational fishermen will be given a fair opportunity to contribute to this process before licensing legislation is introduced next year.

ARRA CLINCHES 2ND STRAIGHT DU PONT LONGCASTING TITLE

Ron Arra, a Cape Cod distance surf casting expert, cast 656.6 feet yesterday to win the 1986 national championship of the DuPont Stren Longcasting Tournament series. Arra, who also won the 1985 title, defended the top spot successfully against seven regional champions from across the nation. The tournament was held here in conjunction with the 59th annual conference of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

Robert Martin of Plantsville, CN, finished second with a cast of 630.5 feet. Third place winner Gary Born, of Berlin, NJ, cast 618.9 feet.

For his efforts, Arra received $1,000 in cash, a Remington model 1100 Special Field shotgun and other merchandise prizes. The second prize winner received $750 and third place qualified for $500. All competitors received Plano tackle boxes, Western Cutlery knives and Coleman coolers.

The other finishers were: John Reason, San Jose, CA, 603.4 feet; Terry Parsons, Sebastian, FL, 595.3 feet; Fred Hofmann, Point Pleasant, NJ, 593.5 feet; Larry Haack, Norfolk, VA, 592.5 feet; and Edward Harris, Houston, TX, 484.9 feet.

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THE SPORT FISH RESTORATION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Sport Fishing Institute have signed a cooperative agreement which initiates the "Sport Fish Restoration Educational Program." The Educational Program, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior's "Take Pride in America" initiative, seeks to encourage volunteer efforts of the sport fishing and boating industries and state fishery agencies in creating a greater awareness of the Sport Fish Restoration Program by anglers and boaters—the Program's constituents. This one-year education program will feature the selection of symbolic logos for the Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration Programs and development of a descriptive brochure for the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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facturers' excise taxes on sport fishing equipment; certain duties on imported yachts, pleasure craft and fishing tackle to the Sport Fish Restoration Account of the Wallop-Breaux Fund. The Federal Aid Division of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the trust account and the Sport Fish Restoration Program. Trust account funds are apportioned annually to the states for sport fish restoration and management projects. An estimated $110 million will be available to the states in 1986, and perhaps as much as $160 million will be available in 1987.

Gilbert C. Radonski, President of the Sport Fishing Institute, commented: "Anglers and boaters, through their purchases of sport fishing equipment, imported tackle and boats, and motorboat fuels, are responsible for providing funds for the Sport Fish Restoration Program. Yet, it is a widely acknowledged fact that these users are generally unaware of the Program for which they pay and the benefits they receive. SFI believes that it is fitting and appropriate that anglers and boaters should be aware of how their tax dollars are being spent and that, once informed, these users could play an active role in Program efforts. Therefore, the goal of the Educational Program is to educate and inform the anglers and boating public about the Program and the many benefits that it confers."

To accomplish this goal, SFI and FWS will first convene a logo selection panel consisting of representatives of the sport fishing and boating industries, state fishery agencies, the sporting arms industry and fishery and wildlife conservation organizations. The panel will make recommendations on Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration logos to FWS. FWS will make the final logo selections. Once selected, SFI will prepare prototype materials (signs, decals and posters) depicting the Sport Fish Restoration logo. Additionally, SFI will develop a prototype brochure describing the Program's elements and benefits. These prototype materials will be used by SFI and FWS to promote and encourage state agencies and members of the sport fishing and boating industry to voluntarily use the logo and brochure in tackle item packaging, posters in fish and boating equipment retail outlets, on signs at Program funded projects and in materials distributed with state fishing licenses and boat registration.

"When deployed widely by state fishery agencies and conservation-minded private businesses, the log and brochure will place the Sport Fish Restoration Program squarely in the eyes of anglers and boaters. These volunteer efforts will yield a substantial contribution to the goal of making users more aware of the Program and will begin to give them a greater sense of involvement in its execution," Radonski concluded.

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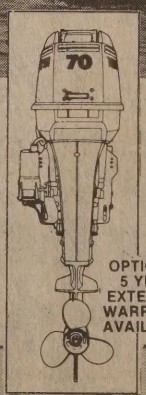

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RELIABLE GAFF

by Pete Barrett

Gaffs are a universal piece of equipment found on all inshore and offshore fishing boats. From chopper blues to cow bass, to bigeye tuna and mako sharks; the gaff is the final piece of tackle necessary to boat a trophy fish or just a typical everyday catch that becomes Sunday's dinner. Choosing a gaff that will endure the abuse of daily bouts with large and small game fish and do it year after year, is an important concern for fishermen who seek their angling pleasure from boats.

Several years ago, a particularly nasty mako shark had done a real bad number on a flying gaff I had paid a lot of bucks for. Before I went and plopped down more money for another gaff that would end up in the same shape—nearly straight and with a lost fish—I wanted to be sure the next flying gaff I purchased was up to the job. Fortunately, I met Jerry Schnur of Reliable Gaff Company at a New York Boat Show. Jerry claimed his flying gaff could withstand the hard knocks of shark fishing, and in fact, he said his gaffs were manufactured with the sharker specifically in mind.

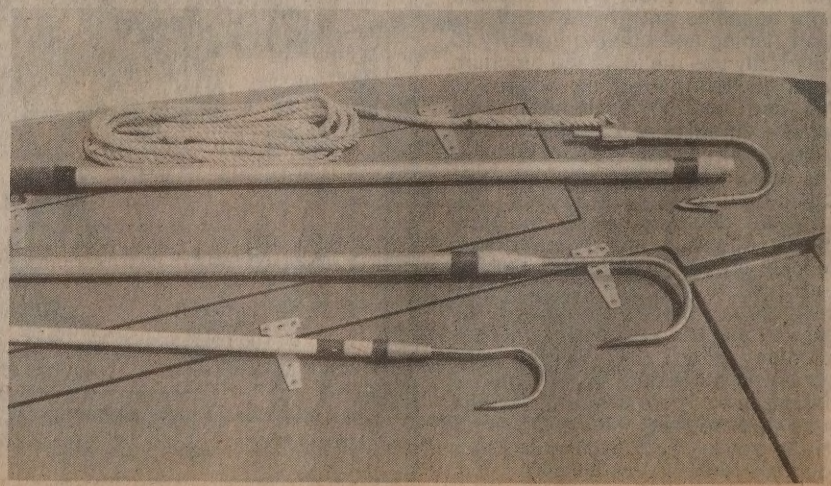
He recommended a store near where I lived and by summer, I was rigged with a new Reliable flying gaff. After six years of use and with more than 70 makos having felt its steel, that gaff is still working perfectly! I've never regretted the purchase and was surprised at the reasonable price.

Since then I've added other Reliable gaffs to my arsenal of equipment and have used them for a variety of fish including blues, tunas, sharks and billfish. Each has done its job well and only one had a problem. One heavy duty straight gaff lost its hook while boating a big tuna. A phone call to Reliable got an immediate response to not only replace the gaff at no charge, but a complete explanation about how they had already discovered the problem and had corrected it.

That takes a lot of nerve. Where others might have buried their head in the sand, Reliable made a laudable effort to not only improve their product, but took the time to talk to a customer and didn't cover up with a lot of bull. That's another reason why many fishermen like this line gaffs: the company stands right behind them with a lifetime guarantee. That replacement gaff, by the way, is still going strong after 5 years use and over 200 tuna (one of 314 pounds) and many sharks.

The Reliable heavy duty straight gaffs are made with a thick walled, anodized aluminum shaft. The aluminum is marine grade that resists corosion and bending from heavy fish that go bananas at boatside. Hypalon grips assure a good hand hold even when slippery from sea water, slimy from baits or just sweaty from a hot day and hot fish. The shafts are water sealed so they float if one goes over the side. Handle lengths vary from 48 to 72 inches to suit many different styles of boat handling techniques and for different species of fish.

The gaff hooks are bent from super hard stainless steel in 3/8, 1/2 and 5/8 inch diameters. Gap sizes run from 3



to 7 inches to cover all species from blues and school tuna to trophy sized billfish or giant tuna. The finish of the hooks is smooth electro-polished and they are treated to stay in shape even after severe stress.

The flying gaffs are made with similar construction for the handle parts, but with a gimbal nock at the upper end to receive the flying gaff rope. The heads are also made of stainless in sizes from 1/2 inch diameter to 5/8 inch diameter and with gaps of 5, 7, 8¾ and 10 inches. All hardware on the heads is selected for durability and strength such as the line holder and replaceable barbs.

The heads are available in 5 styles: a barbless hook, standrad integral welded barbed hook and three replaceable barbs. Each replaceable barb is secured with hex screws and fits into slots in the stainless hook. They are available in a half blade style, a full blade and sideways blade Reliable calls a plow barb.

Reliable also makes a series of straight gaffs with fiberglass shafts. The glass shafts are preferred by some anglers who appreciate the slight flexing of the shaft when handling a big fish. They also have smaller diameter 5/16 inch hooks available in the glass shafts for smaller game fish.

The fiberglass shafts are offered in 36 to 72 inch lengths and with hooks of 5/16 inch diameter to 3/8, 1/2 and 5/8 inch diameters. Gap sizes include 3, 5 and 7 inches.

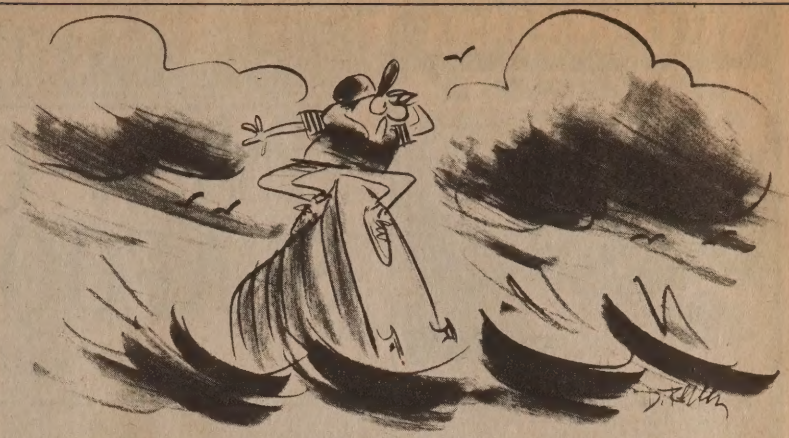
A trigger release flying gaff is also availble for those fishermen who don't like the traditional flying gaff which releases simply from the pressure of the fish as it pulls away from the angler after sinking the hook. With the trigger release flying gaff, the head is firmly locked in place for positive penetration of the hook. Once firmly into the fish, the gaff man presses a bar release at the end of the shaft and the head is unlocked.

A less expensive flying gaff handle, called the "Sharpshooter" is similar to the standard line of gaffs, but with a few less frills. Fancy it ain't, but it is just as sturdy as the regular flying gaff.

Reliable has taken a lot of time and thought to bring to fishermen good products that stand the test of time and daily fishing. Jerry Schnur tests his products under actual fishing conditions by charter captains. If the gaff passes the initial tests, it gets marketed to fishermen like you and me.

It's easy to talk about a product like Reliable gaffs because I've used them for several seasons and they have worked well. When I think back on some of the crazy makos that did everything they could to get rid of the annoying steel in their backs, thrashing and twisting like maniacs, it's easy to appreciate the quality of Reliable's products.

Manufacutured by: Reliable Gaff Company, 4160 Merrick Rd., Massapequa, NY 11758; (516) 799-3928.



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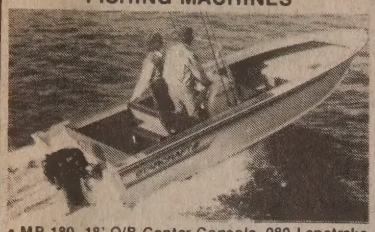
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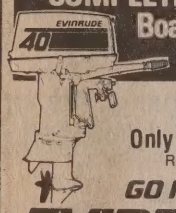
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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

NEW ORLEANS SEAFOOD GUMBO

by Sal Agliano

Nowhere in the world do so many ethnic cultures co-exist so harmoniously as when blended together in the exciting, often exotic, cooking of New Orleans. Influenced primarily by the early, French, Spanish and Portuguese settlers of the 16th Century, the cuisine of this vibrant city has also embraced other cultures, namely: Ameircan Indian, African, and Italian.

Much of the diverse New Orleans cookery relies heavily on the bountiful harvests taken from the nearby Gulf of Mexico. One such culinary treasure is *Seafood Gumbo*, an intricate melting pot of seafood, poultry, seasoned meat and vegetables. Be forewarned, however—this dish can become somewhat involved by its elaborate preparations and precise timing. But then once the smoke clears and you set this masterpiece of New Orleans cookery before your guests, you will soon discover that your time and effort were, indeed, well worth it!

The first order of business is to scald the live crabs in boiling water. Use a very large kettle or two big pots filled 3/4 of the way with water. Bring water to a boil, then add live crabs. Continue to boil for 10 minutes—no longer (crabs will change to a deep red color). Drain off liquid and transfer cooked crabs to the sink or cleaning board.

To clean crabs, pry up the apron flap on the underside of each crab with your finger or a short knife. Snap off the apron flap, then gently pull back on carapace (back shell) until you can lift it off in one piece. Set crab shells aside; they will be used to flavor the stock. Remove the innards and gills from each crab and discard. Rinse out the crabs, split each in half and set aside in the refrigerator.

To make the stock, scrub and clean crab shells and add to a very large kettle filled with 5 quarts of water. Cut corn kernels from cobs. Set kernels aside and add cobs to kettle. Add bay leaves. Bring water to a boil, then lower flame to a simmer. Simmer for 1½ hours, replacing liquid with addi-

tional water as it evaporates.

While stock is simmering, heat a large skillet, then add 1/2 of oil. Add cut okra and fry for about 30 minutes, stirring frequently (the okra will become sticky at first, it will then brown and glaze—this will help to thicken the gumbo). Once cooked, set okra aside.

In a separate skillet, make a roux (thickener traditionally used in gumbos). Over medium flame, heat 1 cup of oil and 1/2 cup of flour, stirring constantly. Cook for about 30 minutes or until roux reaches a deep brown color. This method removes the floury taste and adds a nutty flavor. Once the flour and oil have browned, add the chopped tomatoes, thyme and basil. Stir in and cook for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

By this time, the stock should have cooked for 1½ hours. Strain stock, discarding crab shells, corn cobs, and bay leaves. Return stock to kettle and continue simmering. Add chicken wings, cooked ham, and roux/tomato mixture.

Heat up another skillet (what, another pan?—okay, you can wash one of the other skillets). Add remaining 1/2 cup of oil and heat. Saute briefly carrot, onions, celery, green pepper and garlic in hot oil. Add sauteed vegetables, corn kernels, and cooked okra to stock. Continue simmering for 30 minutes.

After 30 minutes, add split crabs, shrimp, Tabasco, Worcestershire Sauce, cayenne pepper, parsley, salt and black pepper. Cook for 20 minutes, then add shucked oysters. Simmer 10 minutes—no longer!

Serve seafood gumbo in deep bowls over boiled rice. A crisp, garden fresh salad and some hot corn bread will complement the dish. Oh, by the way, have plenty of paper streamers and confetti handy for when you present this traditional New Orleans meal on the table. It'll be Mardi Gras time !

Ingredients:

12 to 16 live blue claw crabs
1 lb. cleaned shrimp
1/2 qt. shucked oysters
12 chicken wings
1/2 cup diced, cooked ham
6 ears of fresh corn
5 qts. water
1 carrot, peeled and diced
3 onions, peeled and minced
1 cup celery, chopped finely
1 green pepper, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 lbs. fresh okra, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
2 cups oil (1 cup for roux; 1 cup for frying vegetables)
1/2 cup flour
3 medium size tomatoes, peeled and chopped
1 tsp thyme
1 tsp basil
3 bay leaves
1/4 cup fresh parsley
1/4 tsp Tabasco
1/4 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
dash of cayenne pepper
salt and black pepper to taste

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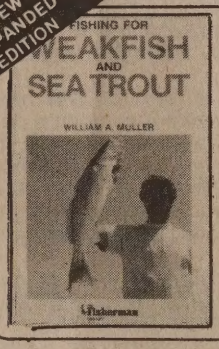

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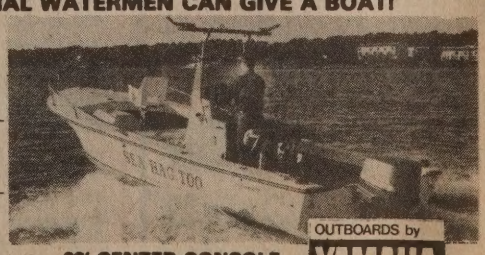

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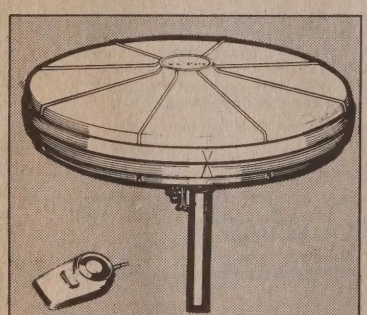

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I have decided to purchase a Loran C for my 22 footer. But the more research I do, the more questions I have, depending on which brand I look at or which salesman I talk to. Basically, I plan to do all my fishing in the bay and within a 15 to 25 mile radius of the Inlet, due to the size and fuel capacity of my boat. So my first thought was to get one of the lower priced units with a minimum amount of features and way points. Some people have said that's all I need and others have said I'll be sorry and will end up upgrading to a more advanced unit in the near future. Any recommendations on features and brands, etc., to fit my needs would be appreciated.

James Cacavio, Jr.

Dear James,

I'm going to pass the buck on this one, but not without first advising you on which brands seem to get the most attention from long-time saltwater fishermen.

The Si-Tex is one of the most popular Loran units among some offshore anglers from your area. The 797 and the E-Z-7 are among the more popular Si-Tex models in your locale and are priced reasonably in the highly competitive marine electronics market.

We have used two different models from Texas Instruments with very good results. At present, we have a TI 9900 unit and it is sufficient for our needs.

The Mieco, Northstar and Apelco are also among the more popular models. Each has the same basics, but some are more advanced with more way points and other goodies such as Lat and Longitude. You will have to decide whether or not you want the extras. For sure, you're going to pay more for them but, depending on how you will use the Loran, the additional cost may be justified.

I suggest you visit a few reputable marine electronics stores and check out each make and model that particular store carries. Some Loran units are easy to master while others take a bit more playing with to learn. The number of way points may not seem too important now, but if you plan to fish a lot of different inshore or offshore spots, you may find having a hundred way points has value.

A lot of fishermen who probe the inland waterways find the extra number of way points helps them negotiate the narrow channels and flats without worrying about running aground. If you have only ten or so way points you can't get the same benefits.

You can write to some companies and request information on their products. Try contacting the following:

Digital Marine Electronics Corp. (Northstar), Box 287, Sudburg Rd., Acton, MA 01720.

Furuno USA Inc., 271 Harbor Way, San Francisco, CA 94080.

King Marine Radio, 5320 140th Ave. N., Airport Industrial Park, Clearwater, FL 33520.

Mieco, 109 Beaver Court, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

Raytheon Marine, 676 Island Pond Rd., Manchester, NH 03103.

Si-Tex Marine Electronics, Box 6700, Clearwater, FL 33518.

Texas Instruments, Inc., Marine Products Division, Box 405, Lewisville, TX 75067.

There are many other companies that market good Loran units, but this should give you a point from which to start.

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Dear Doc,

I would like some help on the subject of Loran Cs. My father and I just recently purchased a 23 foot cuddy cabin with an I/O. The new boat is for more room, safety, comfort and for being able to take us to places to fish for the big fish we always read about. We will be going to offshore wrecks and structure. We will need a Loran C with all the features we will need. We would like to know if the Si-Tex EZ-7 has all the features we will need, because this model is affordable for us. Please respond with any information you can give us.

William Schneider, Jr.

Dear William,

Although we have not used the Si-Tex EZ-7, a lot of friends have and most seem to be satisfied with its performance. It is, however, not the only inexpensive Loran C on the market. There are several others that have similar features and sell competitively.

I'd suggest you visit a few shops that specialize in marine electronics and look each unit over carefully to

see how it operates and what are its major functions. Chances are, you'll find the Si-Tex is about as good as any of the lower priced units and will give years of satisfactoy service if treated properly.

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Dear Doc,

I have a question: I would like you to give me the name or some way to contact the company of my reel. It is a South Bend 760 XRG. I am not sure how to set the drag. I am a fairly good fisherman. *Johnny Font.*

Dear Johnny,

The address for South Bend is: South Bend Sporting Goods, Inc., 1950 Stanley Street, Northbrook, IL 60065. You should write them to find out if there is a local shop in your area that handles South Bend products. If not, the company will most likely send you a manual for that particular model reel.

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Dear Doc,

Is a bang stick legal under IGFA rules? I want to fish more shark tournaments but am worried when they specify IGFA rules that if I "bang" my catch, it won't qualify. On the other hand, I'm worried about scratching the heck out of the side of my boat as I've experienced when using a flying gaff. The gel coat repairs from last season when I caught eight makos added up to a $500 bill!

Bert Miller.

Dear Bert,

Under strict IGFA rules, your catch cannot be submitted for a record if it has been shot, either with a rifle, shotgun or bang stick. I asked IGFA's president what he thought was an acceptable method of subduing a lively mako and he suggested sticking it in the brain with an icepick! So much for the reality of IGFA's staff. In fairness to them, if they leave the door open for a catch to be dispatched with a gun, there is no way to confirm that the fish was shot next to the boat after being leadered in fairly and in a sportsman-like manner, or if the fish was shot while still some distance from the boat.

I would suggest that you check with the officials of the tournaments you enter. Many tournaments specify IGFA regs for tackle requirements, but are aware of the realities of the sharking world and DO allow a catch to be shot. Other tournaments stay IGFA all the way and DO NOT allow a shark to be submitted for entry if it has been shot.

Some shark anglers use a shorter length of line on the flying gaff had and then use a push pole, like the kind sold by Reliable Gaffs to hold the line away from the boat. The shark can twist all it wants but the metal parts of the flying gaff are held away from precious gel coat. This may minimize the damage but you may not be able to eliminate it.

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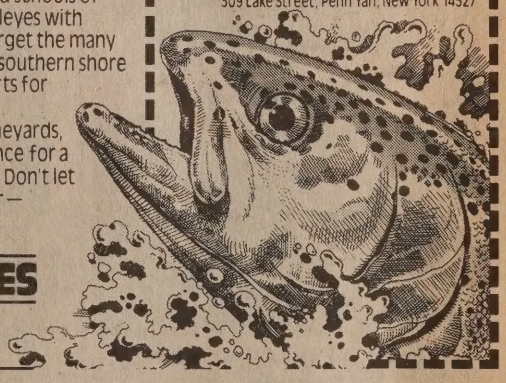

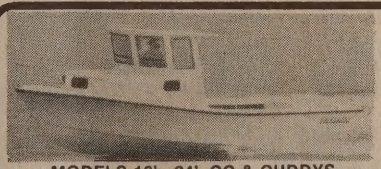

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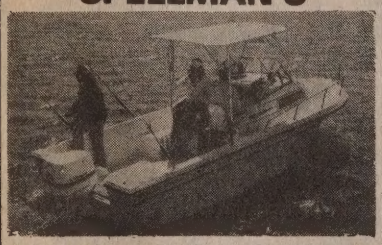
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GILGO BEACH FACILITY OPENS

by William A. Muller

On June 14, 1986, the troops turned out to turn an access opportunity into a reality. The opportunity was made possible by cooperative action (previously reported, June 12th issue) of the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Fishing Advisory Board.

A brief history reveals a tale of serious erosion at Gilgo Beach (state property) and a continuing effort to open the beach for four-wheel drive access. Each summer the prevailing southwest winds put sand on the beach and each fall and winter, northeast storms strip the sand away. The cat and mouse game that Nature plays with its seasons hasn't produced much of an opportunity for access. In one case the state opened the beach only to close it within days because of the erosion caused by a passing storm. Part of this problem also involved communication. How to get the word about openings and closings to users with beach vehicle permits.

Work begins with the installation of the largest posts that mark the east portal of the lot. ***Photo by John Fritz.***

The project nears completion as all posts are in and the team gets ready to string the heavy cable. ***Photo by John Fritz.***

Well, it now appears these problems have been solved by the arrangement arrived at on May 22, 1986. A parking area has been set aside at the side of the old Coast Guard Station at Gilgo Beach (east side of entry point). The case for this access was well presented by two invited guests (Bill Miller, UMS and Bob Lucchesi, LIBBA) and supported by the Parks Commission. It was agreed that if fishermen could construct a retaining fence around the parking area, we could use it to park when Gilgo Beach was too narrow to allow four-wheel drive access. When and if Gilgo can sustain beach vehicle traffic, the fence will be opened allowing vehicles onto the beach.

Thanks to the Long Island Beach Buggy Association (LIBBA) and its leadership, along with other dedicated fishermen such as John Fritz, and the cooperation of Robert Moses, Superintendent Neil Ackerson and Commission Deputy Director Mike Asheroff, the fence posts, cable and other materials were obtained and put on the site for use on June 14th.

LIBBA also arranged for the rental of a back-hoe type vehicle to dig the holes for the fence posts and the cost of this rental was paid for by The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund (the first use of the non-profit fund created by fees from Fisherman derbies).

There was a very good turn out of people to help erect the facility. The turn out and cooperation was so good that the job was done by around noontime. Many thanks to all the individuals who helped and unfortunately, cannot all be mentioned, to LIBBA and its officers and members, and to the Parks Commission for a most successful project.

The opening of the facility was delayed until the following Saturday so that the Park Commission could get a payloader on the scene to move dangerous debris and create a tank-trap in order to limit access to four-wheel drive vehicles. Once that was done, we got the word that the facility was open.

To review the rules and procedures:

1. The facility is open now to holders with four-wheel state beach vehicle permits only.

2. Vehicles must remain in the zoned parking area when the chain restricts further access, but may go onto the beach when the chain leaves open the east portal. **Please respect this arrangement!**

3. When the lot is full, there is no further access until vehicles leave.

4. After Labor Day, the impoundment area on the west side of the access may also be available. This will be updated later pending further discussions with the State Police and the Parks Commission.

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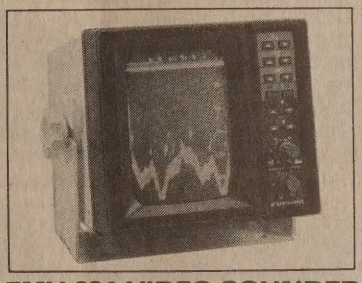

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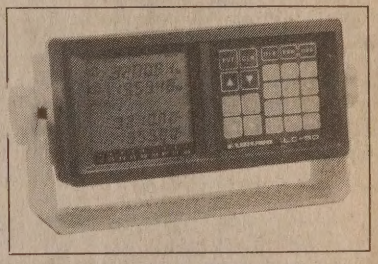

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THE S.S. MOHAWK

by John Raguso

The Norwegian freighter Talisman had left her pier on the Brooklyn waterfront at approximately 5PM on the evening of January 24, 1935. She was headed for Claymont, Delaware to load additional cargo for her ultimate destination of Bahia, Brazil. After navigating the lower New York Bay, the Talisman passed Sandy Hook at 7:08 p.m. and proceeded south, positioned in the outbound Jersey coast shipping lane.

Unknown to the Talisman's master, a Captain Edmund Wang, the steamship Mohawk had preceded the Talisman past the Hook by at least an hour and a half, and should have been at least 25 miles south of his vessel's current position. But now at 9:30PM, here was this ship paralleling the Talisman's course on the starboard side as they both headed on a southward course.

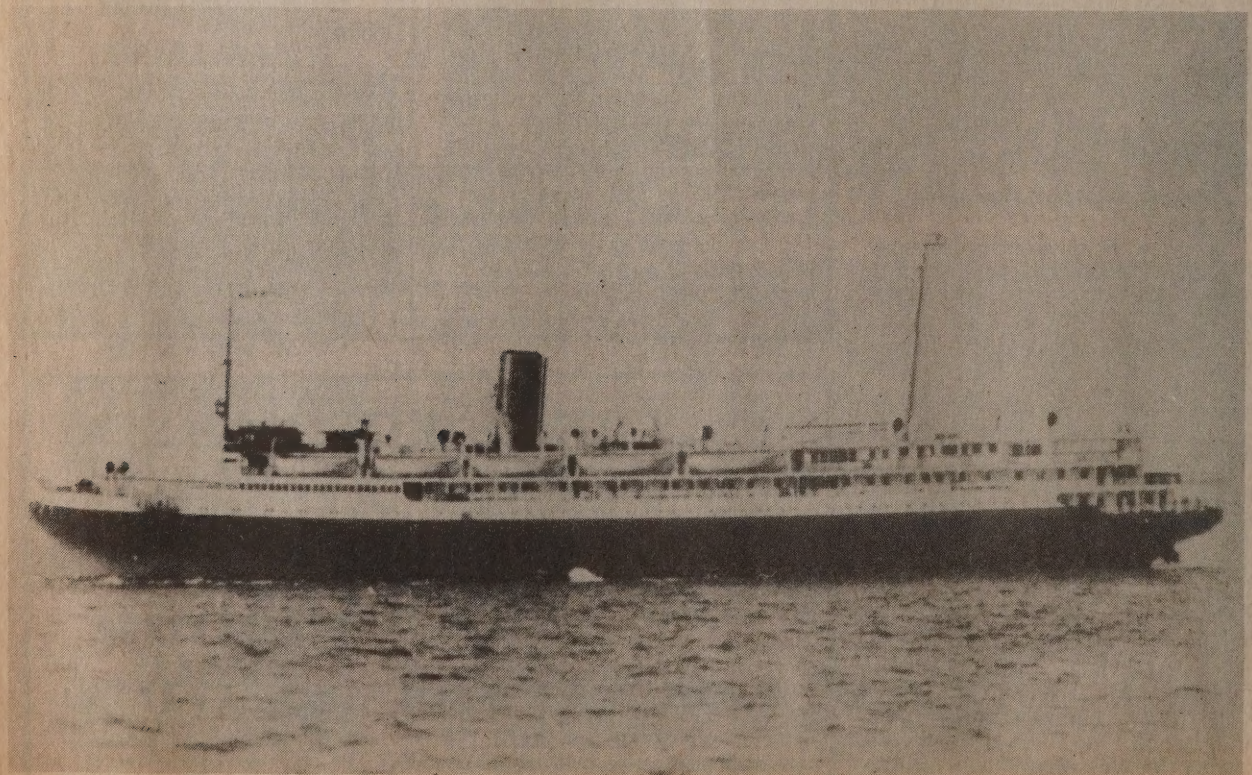
The Mohawk had experienced a two hour delay while her crew adjusted the ship's radio compass and only now was getting back under way on her journey to Cuba and Mexico. She now was making 14 to 16 knots to recapture some of the lost time.

The two vessels were about an eighth of a mile apart, with the Mohawk overtaking and finally passing the Talisman to starboard, when suddenly and without warning, the Mohawk signaled a sharp change of course to port with two shrill whistle blasts and veered right into the path of the approaching Norwegian freighter which was making about 12½ knots. Full reverse and a sharp turn to port by the Talisman failed to prevent the inevitable. A few moments later the Talisman rammed her sharp steel bow into the port side of the Mohawk, just forward of the forecastle, crushing a number of sailors to their deaths. Both vessels backed away from the collision point, with water pouring into the Mohawk's port side. The Mohawk pulled away quickly, Captain Wood trying to make a run to shallow water in an attempt to beach his vessel, but the ship was mortally wounded and going down fast. The Ward Line steamer first listed to port, then leveled itself off a bit, finally listing to starboard before nosediving for the bottom.

Let's go back in time now to that cold five degree January night in 1935 and listen to the Mohawk's last communications as the United Fruit Liner Limon and the Clyde-Mallory Liner Algonquin attempted to rescue the survivors of the crash. The following radio messages were received by the communcations center of the United States Coast Guard headquarters and reported by the Associated Press:

"9:39PM, Eastern Standard Time—SOS calls from both the ships intercepted and relayed by the Cape May station and naval communications. Immediately Radioman J.J. Puhlick notified the Deal station of the Coast Guard Service and Lt. George Miller, officer of the day, at New York.

"9:59PM—S.S. Limon to U.S.S. Champlain: 'About a mile west from



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you. We in shallow water.'

"10:00PM—S.S. Mohawk to S.S. Limon: 'If you can pick up our boats, do so.' Limon to Mohawk: 'Coming in right now.'

"10:11PM—Mohawk to Limon: 'If you can pick up boat...' Limon: 'Okay. Coming along. Be with you in a couple of minutes. Number 1 boat in water.'

"10:15PM: From Cape May: 'Champlain and Icarus (United States cutters), proceeding to Mohawk and Talisman.'

"10:20PM—From Deal Station: 'Steamship Mohawk in collision with Talisman four miles off Sea Girt. Commander fifth district notified. Shark River and Manasquan lifeboats proceeding. Champlain and Icarus proceeding.'

"10:23PM—Message from Mohawk to Limon: 'No orders from Captain. Think that we are going to abandon ship. Very bad list.'

"10:25PM—Limon to Champlain: 'Mohawk on side and shipping water fast. Gueff, operator, gone off and can't raise. We only couple boat lengths away and will pick up as fast as can.'

"10:25PM—Deal station reports Manelopen stations says 'two steamers standing by.'

"10:36PM—Limon to Champlain: Boat now abandoned, on side and boat coming over to us now. Please let know when get off.'

"10:46PM—Icarus reports: 'Expect to arrive at scene about 12:15AM.'

"10:53PM—From Champlain: 'Will arrive scene collision 2AM.'

"11:30PM—Deal Station: 'Mohawk says survivors being picked up now.'

"11:30PM—Algonquin of the Mallory Lines: 'Talisman okay and Mohawk sending out boats. Suppose all right to resume traffic now.'

"11:30PM—Naval communications: 'Mohawk sunk. Picking up survivors now.'

"The Coast Guard Cutter Icarus reported shortly before 1AM by radio that it was on the scene. It immediately radioed the Limon: Can you see our search lights?

The Limon replied: No, will use blinkers as soon as we see you.

"A further exchange indicated that the Limon's officers still thought a seventh lifeboat was unaccounted for.

"At 1:30 in the morning, the Coast Guard picked up the following message addressed to all ships: The distress emergency is well in hand. Traffic (radio) may be resumed as usual. Master, S.S. Limon.

Although preliminary reports had assumed that all 54 passengers and 109 crew members had been safely rescued from the ill-fated steamship, the real story pertaining to loss of life became more apparent 24 hours after the collision. The cause for the Mohawk's steering into the path of the Talisman was also determined after interviewing surviving crew members who were in the Mohawk's engine room at the time of the accident.

S.S. MOHAWK
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: January 24, 1935
Date Built: October 21, 1925, Mewport News, Virginia
Length: 402 feet
Beam: 54 feet
Displacement: 5,896 gross tons, 8,140 gross tons
Type of Vessel: Steamship
Hull Construction: Steel
Hull Condition: Blasted to reduce hazard to navigation and wire cleaned to 50 feet.
Depth of Water: 72 feet
Depth over Wreck: 50 feet
Lat/Lon Position: 40-01.30 N/73-54.00 W
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Sandy Hook	28.0	186°	006°
Shark River Inlet	11.3	170°	350°
Manasquan Inlet	7.7	147°	327°
Barnegat Inlet	17.5	042°	222°
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One account of the Mohawk's final hours was told by Robert "Tex" Barnett, an able seaman aboard the Ward Line steamer who was on the bridge at the time of the collision. In a New York Times interview, he stated that, "...the ship's telemotor went haywire and the Mohawk immediately swung hard over to port and that men were sent below to connect the hand steering apparatus. The crash came before this could be done,' he said.

"Charles Reygan, a quartermaster who went off watch just before the collision, provided additional light on the disaster after telling his story to officers of the Ward Line at a conference in the company's offices attended by attorneys. The Mohawk, which was doing about 15 knots, he said had tarried for an hour and a half after sailing late Thursday afternoon to calibrate a new compass that had just been installed.

"The ship's automatic steering device had gone out of commission, he said, and she was being steered in the engine room on directions being given from the bridge, when the collision occurred. Reygan, who jumped from the sinking ship and swam 50 feet to a lifeboat, said he saw no passengers on the vessel when he abandoned her and saw none jump into the sea. Captain Wood, he said, could not have been on the bridge at that time because the forepart of the vessel was underwater at the time he left. A few minutes later the ship nose dived to the bottom, he said.

"George Clancy, who was bow lookout at the time of the collision, also laid the accident to a mishap to the Mohawk's steering apparatus. Like all the other survivors he said that visibility was good and that the Talisman was clearly seen on the liner's port side. He told the story thus:

"We were within an eighth of a mile of each other when the steering gear of the Mohawk went bad. The Mohawk was traveling at full speed between 14 and 16 miles an hour when the steering gear gave way and Captain Wood, seeing that an accident could not be helped, blew a loud blast of his whistle as a warning to the Talisman to keep to port. A few minutes later the Talisman struck the port bow of the Mohawk, opening a big hole in her side. Water poured in. The bow of the Talisman went through the forecastle. There were a number of sailors in there at the time, and I'm afraid some of them must have been killed'.

The many stories of the shocked passengers rescued from the Mohawk

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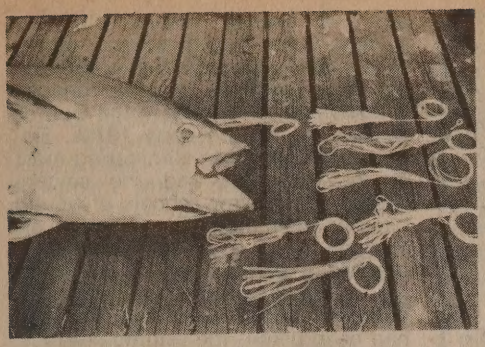
punctuated the horror of either drifting in the dark, icy waters of the North Atlantic, or worse yet, swimming about looking for immediate assistance before succumbing to the quick and eventual effects of hypothermia in 33 degree water. Many of the survivors suffered from frostbite and bruises from being tossed about on the listing ship. Some of those who were fortunate enough to have been in the lifeboats, related how they tried to pull to the sides of the rescue ships in their open boats "with a good sea up." There was spray and spume flying over the gunwales of their lifeboats that froze to the oar locks and filled the boats' bottoms with a cold, icy brine that quickly froze the passengers to the bone. The men and several women tugged at the oars, with great patches of skin peeling off at intervals when their palms froze to the oars. Many related the cries of those poor unfortunates screaming out for help in the water, begging to be rescued. A few of the lifeboats were afloat for more than two hours in the near zero temperatures before being picked-up, with their occupants clad in little besides night attire.

Finally, a board of inquiry blamed the collision on a faulty steering mechanism on the Mohawk. Witnesses from the Mohawk's surviving crew were called and each related his story which seemed to corroborate initial theory that the steering gear was out of order, complicated by the fact that the engine telegraph to the bridge was not working. This is why when the Mohawk veered out of control and into the path of the Talisman, her captain could not immediately reduce speed in an attempt to avoid the collision.

The final toll of the accident was a total of 46 lives lost: 16 passengers and 30 of the crew. The hulk was blasted by the Army Corps of Engineers in July of 1935 and wire-dragged to a clearance of 50 feet. Interestingly enough, this action was opposed by residents of the Jersey shore communities, since they felt that the resultant oil spill from the blast would ruin the beaches and fishing for the summer. As a result, most of the fuel oil from the Mohawk's bunkers was pumped out before the wreck was dynamited.

From a fishing standpoint, the Mohawk's position in 72 feet of water provides a good habitat for blackfish, sea bass, hake and bluefish to take up residence for much of the spring, summer and fall months. Her position also puts her in close proximity to both Shark River and Manasquan Inlets, so if you hail from any port that goes to sea through these inlets, give the old girl a shot for some potentially favorable action.

Next week, we're going to venture about 48 miles due east of the Mohawk's final resting place to 165 feet of water to investigate the "real" identity of one of the New York Bight's hottest fishing spots: the Virginia wreck.



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THE TUNA RESOURCE

by Al Ristori

A few school bluefin tuna were caught during June in the canyons and even by shark anglers. However, the big runs traditionally occur from summer into early fall—and they've been improving each year. In fact, the fishing has been so good at times that waste is becoming a problem which anglers must face up to.

The vast improvement in school bluefin tuna fishing is no happy accident of nature. It's the result of hard work over many years by sport fishing leaders in conjunction with many dedicated public servants. Bluefins were super-abundant along our coast until the 1960s, when purse seiners from the West Coast moved in to join the few smaller East Coast seiners working on what was basically a virgin resource. To be sure, there had long been intense pressure on the bluefins from the sport fishing community, but the older, slower boats waited for the fringes of the population to come within 20 miles of the coast before going out to troll up a load. Since there was little or no market for these fish, the "intense pressure" of those days was really just a drop in the bucket as compared to now.

The purse seiners made tremendous catches for a few years, and a shooting war almost broke out between them and the sport and charter boat fleets. The Sport Fishing Institute jumped into negotiate some ground rules with the West Coast seiners before someone got hurt. As it turned out, those super seiners weren't here for long. Just as they've done elsewhere in the world, they quickly reduced the stocks to such a degree that it didn't pay for them to continue fishing the area. However, the East Coast seiners were able to make a living on the remaining fish and they stuck wtih it—putting ever more pressure on a declining resource.

Bluefin tuna are very vulnerable since they are schooling fish. Even the remnants of fished over schools tend to aggregate. As a result, the schools are easily spotted from the air—and spotter planes put the seiners on fish that they might otherwise miss. To compound the problem, Japanese longlines found a bonanza of spawning giant tuna in the Gulf of Mexico during the early 1970s. Between the Japanese eliminating most of the spawners and the seiners wiping up the few schools of young bluefins when they'd come inshore off Virginia in June, we were left with practically nothing for a decade or more—and the bluefin population was reduced to about 10 percent of what it had been before the seining started.

Our options were limited, as the 200 mile limit specifically exempted tunas from its provisions—and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was reluctant to put real pressure on the seiners. Sport fishing leaders were meeting with NMFS as early as 1973 in Washington to get something done about the bluefin devastation that had been carefully documented by Woods Hole Lab scientist Frank Mather. A bluefin plan was set up which prevented fishing for most medium bluefins in order to protect a good year class, but the slaughter of young tuna continued.

The big breakthrough occurred when the Reagan Administration came in and the State Department was no longer solely concerned with protecting the rights of foreign nations against those of its fellow citizens. Previously, we had no bargaining chips with the Japanese because State wouldn't use quotas in other fisheries within our 200 mile limit as a hammer with which to pound out an agreement on the bluefin. However, with backing from the State Department, a meeting in Miami concluded with the Japanese out of the Gulf of Mexico spawning season fishery altogether—and a conservation regime which would build up the bluefin population to reasonable levels.

I attended those meetings for The Fisherman and heard the Japanese state very forcefully their opinion that our purse seining on small tuna was the major reason for the decline in stocks. Fortunately, NMFS finally got some backbone and did what should have been done years before by prohibiting that practice. Unfortunately, they also provided a large "by-catch" for the purse seining of skipjack tuna—and then gave them a giant tuna quota which permitted them to swap that by-catch for the much more valuable giants. "Amazingly," the seiners have been able to conduct the skipjack fishery with little or no bluefin by-catch—thus converting it all to giants!

Credit for achieving the international agreement on bluefin tuna conservation should go to the late Representative Edwin Forsythe of New Jersey. Forsythe, who died of lung cancer a couple of years ago, was the ranking Republican on the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee Fisheries Subcommittee. He attended the Miami meetings, as well

as some meetings of International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and was the driving force behind application of State Department pressure which helped push the Japanese into an agreement which required them to give up much more than the Canadians or U.S.

The result of the present ICCAT conservation scheme has been obvious. School tuna came back the first year and have been getting better ever since. The traditional trolling for the smaller fish at 10 to 30 miles off our Mid-Atlantic coasts has not been what it was, but the chumming is often like the "good old days." At Montauk last year, it started toward the end of July on the west bank of Butterfish Hole when anglers working for giants amused themselves by jigging 40 to 80 pound schoolies. That fishing kept getting better and, with few giants being hooked up, chunking for school bluefins became the focus of attention in August. That fishing was particularly interesting because yellowfin and albacore were mixed in—as were dolphin from time to time.

There were also school tuna and lots of mediums off Block Island that month, but the infusion of "green water" hurt the September fishing that had been red hot each of the previous two falls. The schoolies would come and go at Butterfish Hole, but there was a good run just southeast of Shinnecock—and they were mixed in with yellowfins further offshore at Montauk.

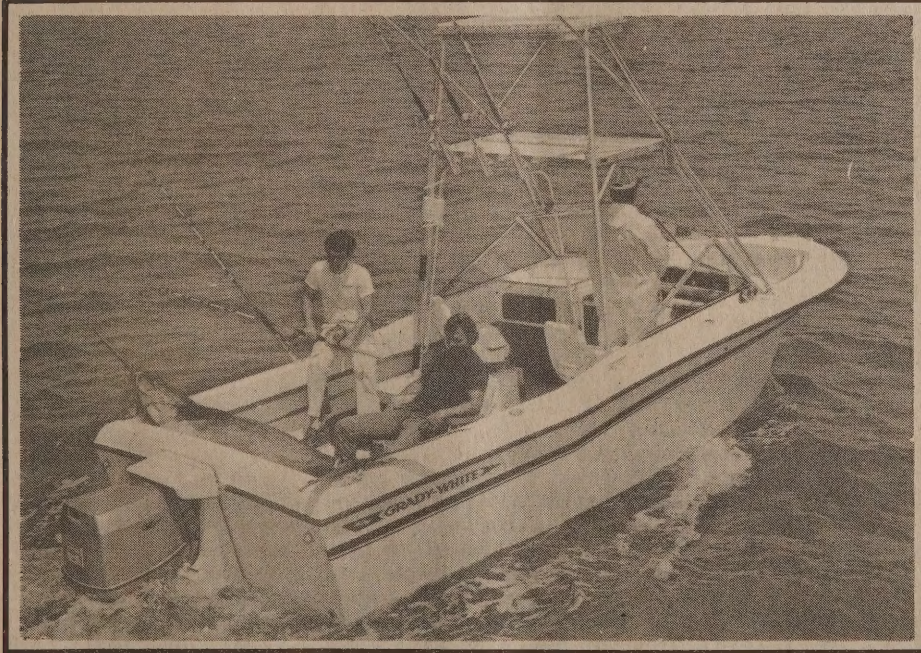
There was little action to the west until the Bacardi fishing broke loose in October. Despite the lateness of the season and the great distance offshore, that fishery drew a mob scene on weekends and lots of boats on any half-decent weekday. Furthermore, just about everyone caught tuna; with four-fish limits for all on board not being uncommon.

Bill Figley keeps statistics for the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. He estimated the New Jersey catch at 3,410 last year, almost all in October. However, only about half the boats there were from the Garden State. Add in the New York boats with about the same catch and compute the average size at a modest 60 pounds—and you'll find that the Barcardi catch alone exceeded the sport fishing quota for the entire season on school tuna. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it, NMFS statistics don't reflect any of that, showing a school tuna catch of only 20.9 tons, plus 57.1 tons of angling mediums for a total of 78 tons. That's well below the 139 tons alloted to anglers and reflects only what dealers are reporting to them.

Though the excessive pressure on schoolies may be a problem in itself, much worse is the waste. The numbers of school tuna sold obviously don't reflect the numbers caught—and the waste last year was an embarrassment to those of us who gave up a great deal of time in order to work for the preservation of this great fishery. Bluefin tuna are a fine eating fish, whether prepared fresh or used for salads, but most fishermen just can't handle the quantities that were being caught last year. The market for these smaller fish is very thin and you can be sure that it will just about dissolve when a good run gets started and lots of fish come in at the same time. Unlike other species, when the tuna market is bloated the price doesn't just go down—it often disappears and dealers won't even accept shipments.

Before running into the same problems this year and wasting fish which we've worked hard to preserve, take the time before you go out to decide what you're going to do with the catch. Once you've got enough for the purposes you've worked out, keep on fishing and enjoying yourself—but tag and release the fish. Tags can be obtained at no charge by writing to Ed Scott, Cooperative Game Fish Tagging Program, NMFS, Southeast Fisheries Center, 75 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami, FL 33149; 1-305-361-4253.

The school bluefin fishing we've had in local waters for the last three years may be the very best fishery available to us, and rates with the best in the world. Let's use it—not abuse it!



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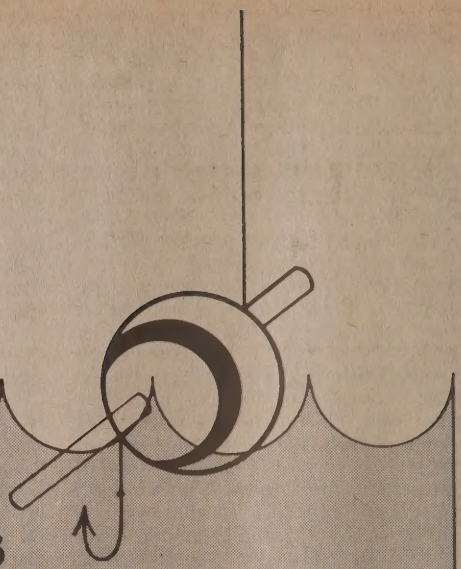

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FISHING THE NEW YORK BIGHT

by Matt Ahern

The waters of New York Bight continue to provide a bountiful harvest for thousands of Metro area anglers.

You know, I've been sitting here thinking. And why I never thought of this before is beyond me. Here's what I've been thinking. I've been thinking that any area which accommodates the daily pressure of hundreds upon hundreds of New York and New Jersey fishermen for over a century, an area that continues to provide recreation and enjoyment to this very day—why, wouldn't you say such an area is unique indeed?

Such claim to fame is held by that vast region known as the New York Bight. It is so unique that after fishing more than 60 years in its waters, I, and many, many more can truthfully say we've never been skunked (to put it bluntly) when bottom fishing its great area. Sure, we fellows have our slow days along with the good; but all in all, one might say complaints are few and far between.

It is this area where I, along with many of The Fisherman's readers, first began saltwater fishing. It wasn't until many years after we got our feet wet that most of us heard this fish-rich area referred to as New York Bight. I don't even know if it actually was called that in the old days. I know only that during my early days over a half century ago, one's survival in fog or snowstorm depended solely upon the skill of the skipper and his highly developed sixth sense (no radar or other electronics then). And because of this, the New York Bight was an adventure filled place to fish. And I've certainly had my share of adventure—to the tragedy of shipwreck, to gladsome days filled with humor, good friends and superb fishermen.

The shipwreck I've already written about (twice) and I couldn't bear to go over that again. I would much rather dwell on those minor happenings of the time which put spice in the life of many fishermen of my era. This is especially so when one realizes all those happenings have become deeply ingrained. So, please bear with us old-timers, for we find it much fun to recall the old days and share them over the years.

You know, as huge an area as the New York Bight is, we old-timers found that not every square foot of it provided good fishing—contrary to

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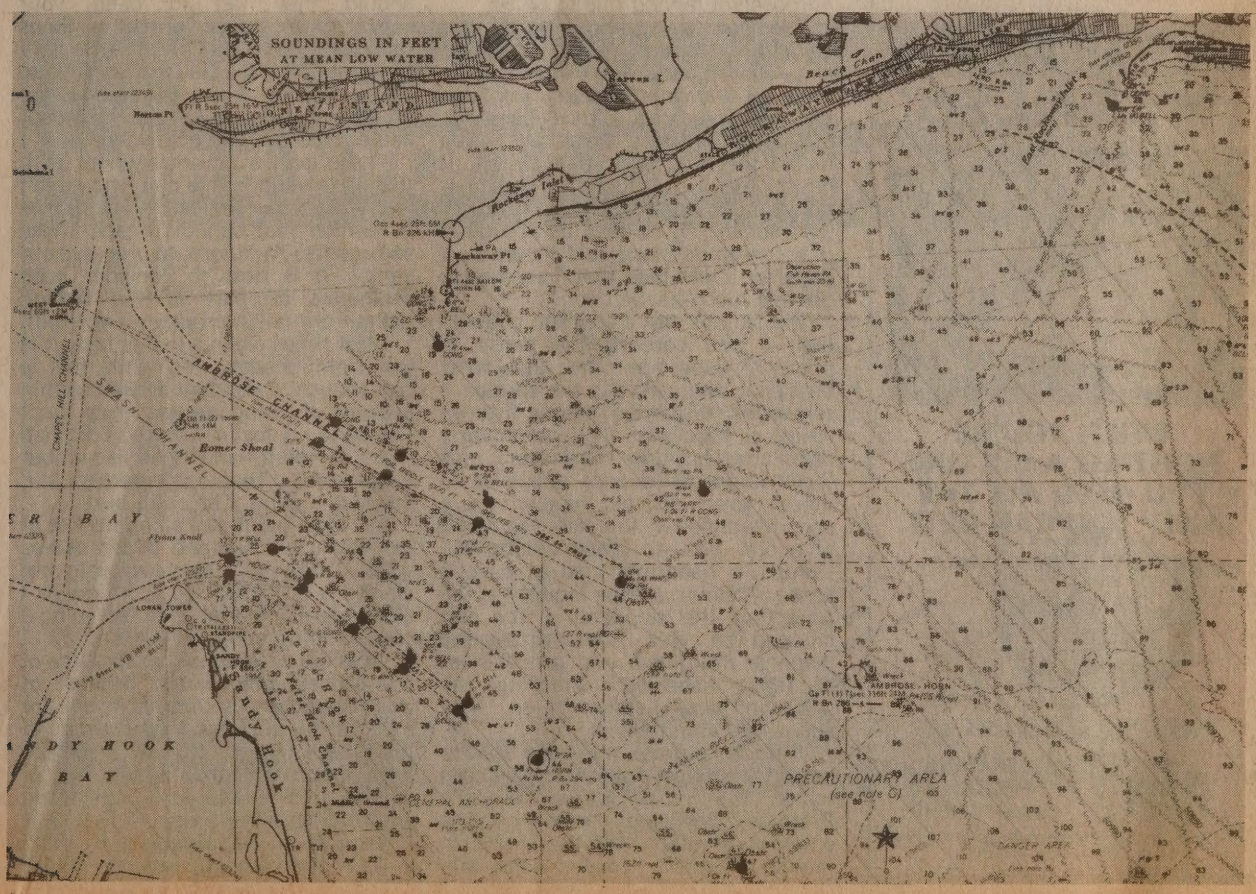

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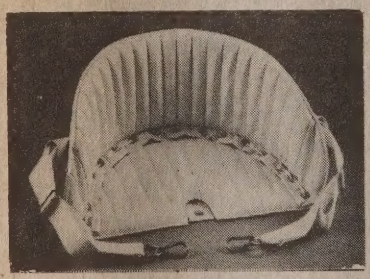
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what you may have been told by some, I'm sure. There were then, as now, "dead spots"—some quite close to excellent fishing, which meant if you missed the good spot, you were left holding the bag. This is why good skippers who knew the area like the back of their hands always carried swinging loads. Those who did not...well.

Some areas provided good fishing for only short periods of time. We called them "feast or famine" spots. Right off the top of my balding, gray head I can recall one such spot which yielded huge sea porgies only in mid-September. Those other 11 months produced not even a bergall. This good fishing area (a mussel bed) lay northeast of Sandy Hook and when the porgies hit in there in late summer, the fishing was fantastic—but only for those few short weeks.

Some good fishing areas of the old days are no longer producing; if they are it is being kept a deep, dark secret. One such area was called "The Dumps"—which is exactly what it was at the time. It was strictly an area of the sea used by the City of New York. In it was dumped tons and tons of garbage, coal ashes (no oil burners those days), and related household materials, all jettisoned from specially-built scows, all on a daily basis, weather permitting.

The garbage quickly disappeared, but the hard rubble remained and because of that it may have become the Bight's first artificial reef, although no one to my knowledge had purposely intended this to be so.

The Dumps lay about four miles south and east of Ambrose Lightship—but please don't hold me to that, for I am not at all certain this distance is correct, but I have the feeling it is pretty close. We often fished the area for cod and ling. It never really produced spectacular fishing, but it always came through with something to keep us occupied. It was a good place to fish on slow days, for it was then that it seemed to provide much-needed action.

The Dumps was also a fun place to fish—if you possessed a sense of humor. A fisherman never knew what he'd snag and winch to the surface. I remember discarded bicycle frames reeled or handlined in (I particularly recall a real old-time two-seater), plus those large coffee urns one sees in diners, even old, old typewriters. I once handlined in the steel footboard of a cot. Yes—to enjoy fishing the Dumps, a fisherman had to have a sense of humor. I often thought at the time that the skippers of the day stopped in this area simply to disperse the gloom and grouchiness of those fishermen suffering the pangs of slow fishing. If so, they succeeded admirably.

In those long ago times we used to catch varieties of fish one rarely sees today. We found Staten Island's Princess Bay the home of the croaker—a relative of the drumfish family: weakfish, channel bass, and so on. Our croakers were never large, say about one pound. They were compact of body, with a slightly underslung mouth. Its color range was a silvery glow to a brassy tinge, which was especially highlighted in sunshine. Croakers, even then, were never abundant and we kids caught them when fishing for lafayettes, which we used for chum and live bait for bluefishing off Sandy Hook.

Often when nighttime eeling in the back bays (especially in Island Park creeks, which we called Wreck Lead then), we would catch spotted codling. Codling were much like their namesake in appearance, a subtle mixture of cod and ling, with a row of white spots along each side of its dark brown body. The inside of its mouth was milk-white. They were never big and I doubt if we kids ever caught one over a half pound.

When ocean fishing during winter or early spring we used to catch barndoor skate—often on a regular basis. This skate should not be confused with the common—or little—skate which fluke fishermen sometimes catch in summer. The barndoor skate, while never as large around Long Island as its name implies, did on occasion reach quite respectable weights—say 30 pounds.

While never over-abundant, barndoor skates were a damned nuisance, and to hook into one meant trouble for those fishermen near you at the rail. Should they be unfamiliar with the antics of a hooked barndoor (swimming in ever-widening circles) and should they fail to heed your warnings, they soon found their lines tangled around the beast. It wasn't unusual to find a half dozen rigs so tightly snarled, a sharp knife was the only solution. Catching barndoor skates offered little enjoyment.

There isn't a sinker bouncer with fishing time under his belt who hasn't lost a big fish. Try as we might, we fishermen just cannot escape these sad events. Therefore, to preserve our sanity, it is best to consider such calamities as part of the fishing game—par for the course, if you will.

Most times when a fish is lost, it is lost sight unseen, and while this is bad enough, those that are lost within seconds of being decked truly hurt. I've certainly lost my share of big fish over the years—and I can remember every one. Those memories still produce a pang. They still hurt!

But most painful of all on my list of lost fish is that first one. A cod. It was a fish I definitely knew was big because I saw it scant feet from me as I stood there at the rail, helpless to do a blamed thing about it.

I was but 17 years old at the time of this sad experience, and because of that I suppose I can excuse myself for much of my disheartened feelings at the time. I thought I'd never see the likes of such a codfish again. But, of course, I have; but as I say: when you're 17 years old...

Anyway—it was February 3, 1932, a Thursday (you can see my record

books are still in there pitching), and I was fishing the 17 Fathom Bank aboard the old Pioneer II out of Canarsie. We were doing fair with the blackfish, but the cod we expected only offered a pick here and there. In other words, it was a typical slow day. My rig was standard: two tandem-tied blackfish hooks on bottom, and one cod hook tied in about three feet above the sinker. Similar, of course, to what we use today when fishing this area.

Seventeen Fathom Bank is known for its large, bait-stealing bergalls and because of that I had baited the bottom hooks with slices of touch, leather-like ocean conch—which is the only bait I Know capable of bending the teeth of larcenous bergalls. On the top hook for that possible cod, I had impaled half a conch which I'd thoroughly pounded and more or less tenderized into the size of a small pancake.

I had no cod as yet and my catch of blackfish was nothing to write home about—but I kept at it.

Sometime during early afternoon a flurry of cod action made itself known. These fish weren't large—perhaps 10 to 12 pounds—but the action was enough to get everyone on board out of the doldrums. Eventually both fishermen on each side of me hooked into a cod and I knew my turn had to come soon.

And it did—but not in the way I'd expected. Instead of the usual heavy codfish bite, I felt a slight pick, one similar to that made by a wary blackfish. Damn! If I was going to fool around with this blackfish, my chance at a cod was certainly nil. My then undisciplined reflexes took over and I came back at the fish, expecting either a blackfish or a good sized bergall. But instead I hooked into a cod. And it wasn't one of those 10 or 12 pounders. Of this I was certain, for that cod put a set in my converted hickory pool cue rod as did no other I'd caught before. I called for the gaff in no uncertain terms.

Now seventeen fathoms translated into a non-fisherman's terms equals 102 feet, but on 17 Fathom Bank there are but one or two areas with this depth; most fishing spots run 125 to 150 feet. And I felt that day as if we were fishing the deepest spot of all, for that old wooden sidewinder certainly got a workout. I thought I was never going to bring that cod to the surface. As all cod do, it pounded every few feet, which in turn caused me to cease reeling and hang on. This was some fish! Mental pictures of that fisherman on the old Scott's Emulsion bottle flashed before me. I was sure to be the envy of the neighborhood fishermen when I returned home with that fish.

Eventually, I did winch that cod to the surface, where it lay undulating in the swells, belly up, exhausted. An easy 35 pounds—the largest cod I'd caught up to then. I again called for the gaff, but no one showed. I noticed then that other cod were being decked and it was necessary for me to await my turn.

It was then when the cod made a sudden movement and to my despair I noticed I hadn't caught it on the cod hook at all. There, barely inside its upper lip was one of my small blackfish hooks.

The hook was deeply embedded and I suppose all would have gone well—except for one thing. During those long ago days, most bottom fishing hooks were snelled with tarred line which was tightly wrapped with red silk thread. It was because of this that I lost my first big fish. The silk wrapping had become frayed in some manner. Perhaps it was my fault for failing to check each time I re-baited—I don't know. But anyway, it took just a bit of extra strain for that tarred snell to pull free of the hook—which it did seconds before the mate showed up with the gaff.

He made several swipes at the fish as it slowly sank into the depths. But it was beyond reach. Down, down, down it went, belly up, through crystal clear green water. Just before it became lost to view it feebly righted itself. It was the only good part of the day.

I could have cried. Maybe I did.

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GO NORTH FOR FLUKE

by Fred Laager

Fluke enter Long Island waters early in May and grow progressively larger throughout the summer. They are found throughout the Great South and Peconic Bays as well as along the north shore beaches and they can be caught deep within a channel or along a shallow sandy flat. They will hit a variety of baits and artificials and are recognized by the International Game Fish Association. They are known for the lively action they provide on light tackle and many fish will often exceed ten pounds or more.

In recent years, the growth of brown algae in the Great South and Peconic Bays has plagued the fluke fishing in these areas by the end of June. Fortunately, it is at this time, during the months of July and August, that the fishing holes along the north shore begin to produce summer flatties in quantity, with most of them of keeper size. Having grown up on the north shore, I became moderately adept at catching these creatures early in my career and I remember one day in particular when I found out that few other fish fight as well or taste as pleasing as fluke.

It was mid-July and cocktail blues were the order of the day. Here and there small boats trolled umbrella rigs hoping to take some of the small bluefish that summer over in the Sound. But for me, bluefishng is a light tackle, early morning pastime that loses its appeal as the sun climbs high overhead. Unlike bluefish that don't care to feed in the heat of the midday sun, fluke will; so I headed in toward shore to fish the outflow of brackish water emanating from the small secluded wetland known as Flax Pond.

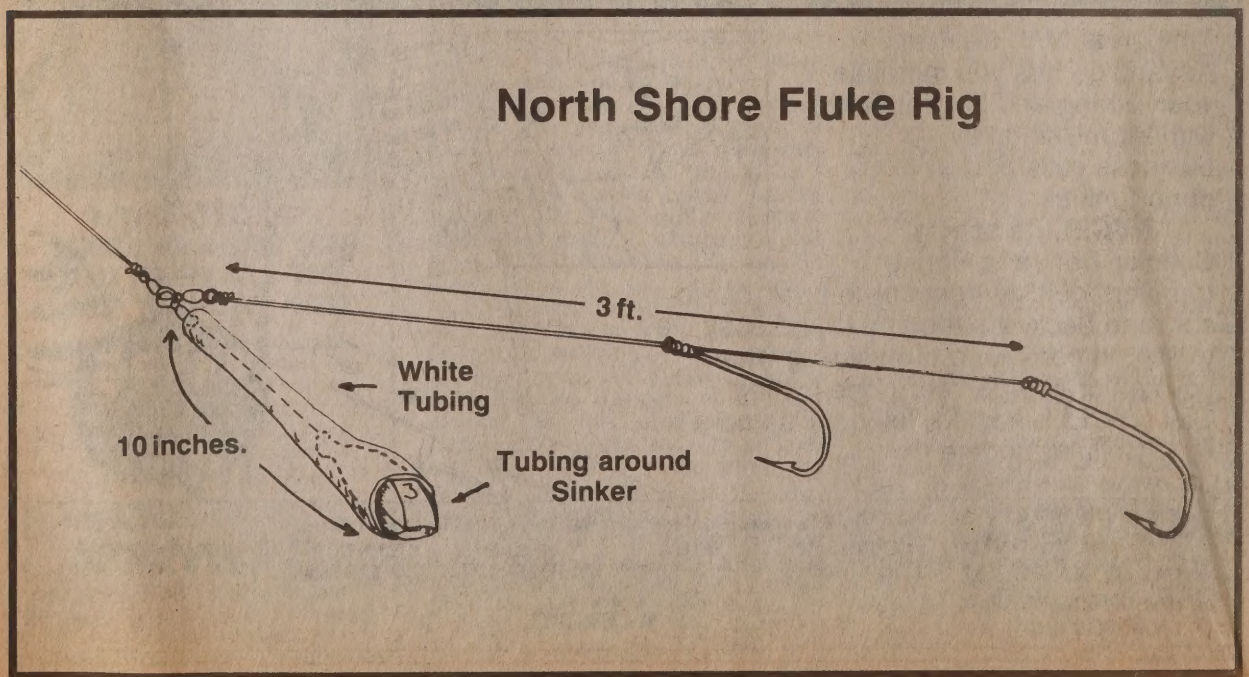
Fluke, like any other species of fish, are instinctively designed to feed in a way that will provide the most amount of food with the least amount of effort. The most efficient way to accomplish this is to have the food come to the one who is eating. The calorie intake of a method such as this, far exceeds the calories expended in the action of feeding. Therefore, places that abound in food sources such as shallow flats, bays and backwater estuaries are excellent places to look for fluke, especially in those areas where the water is channeled and the bait is directed into the mouths of feeding fish. The outflow from Flax Pond is just such a place.

I maneuvered my dory in close to the outflow and gently nudged the bow up onto the shore letting the current pull me out into deeper water. As I drifted along I cast a small bucktail and allowed it to bounce along the bottom. Fluke are vulnerable to predators, especially bluefish and will not go far out of their feeding lanes to hit a lure. I tried to cover as much bottom as possible by working the jig all the time over as much area as I could reach. Occasionally I would raise the rod tip lifting the jig free from the rocky bottom, allowing my lunker fluke to have a good view of the meal I was offering. Halfway through the drift I cut a strip bait from a piece of squid and put it on the hook of the bucktail as an added attraction and that was all I needed.

The boat spun on the edge of the rip and as I lifted my rod tip, the line seemed to hesitate and then break free from something it had been caught on. Reeling in the bucktail I saw what appeared to be a large brown object, a UFO that quickly disappeared as it came close to the boat. I looked at the bucktail and noticed that the strip bait was now missing. Undoubtedly, the unidentified flat object had taken the strip and failed to take the hook. Quickly, I started the engine and cruised back to start another drift, making sure that I made as little disturbance as possible so as not to frighten the fish.

I put on another piece of squid strip, but this time I made it just a bit shorter and cut a slice in it to produce a forked tail. This way, if the fish was to hit it, he would only sever one of the tails and not pull off the entire strip. The remaining tail would still serve as an enticement and promote another strike and possibly a hookup.

Casting the lure overboard, I let it settle to the bottom while I waited for the drift to take me over the exact spot where I had seen the fish. I had just passed the same area where I had first felt the hit and suddenly, my rod bent over in a lazy arc and line began



stripping off the reel. Slowly, methodically, the line went out at the same speed that I was drifting so I thought that I was caught on the bottom among the rocks. This time, I was wrong.

I lifted the rod and jerked it trying to free the bucktail. It wouldn't come free. Holding the spool to keep the drag from slipping, I put as much pressure on the line as possible. Slowly, whatever was holding it began to move and actually give way to the pressure that I was applying. To my amazement I found out that it wasn't just the fish that was giving way, but that I was giving way also as we battled one another. Eventually we came together, each pulling each. I first caught a glimpse of the finny fellow as he came up alongside the boat. About 28 inches long, mottled brown with black dots, this fluke earned the name doormat, a term given to oversize specimens like this one. Upon seeing me he raced to the bottom and I did all I could to stop him from entering the main current. Rhythmically, I pumped him back, scrambling for a net with one hand as I held the rod high overhead. Bringing him up alongside the boat, he finned his way slowly forward. Gracefully, I lowered the net from behind and below him and came up in one swift motion cradling the large fluke and lifting him free of his element.

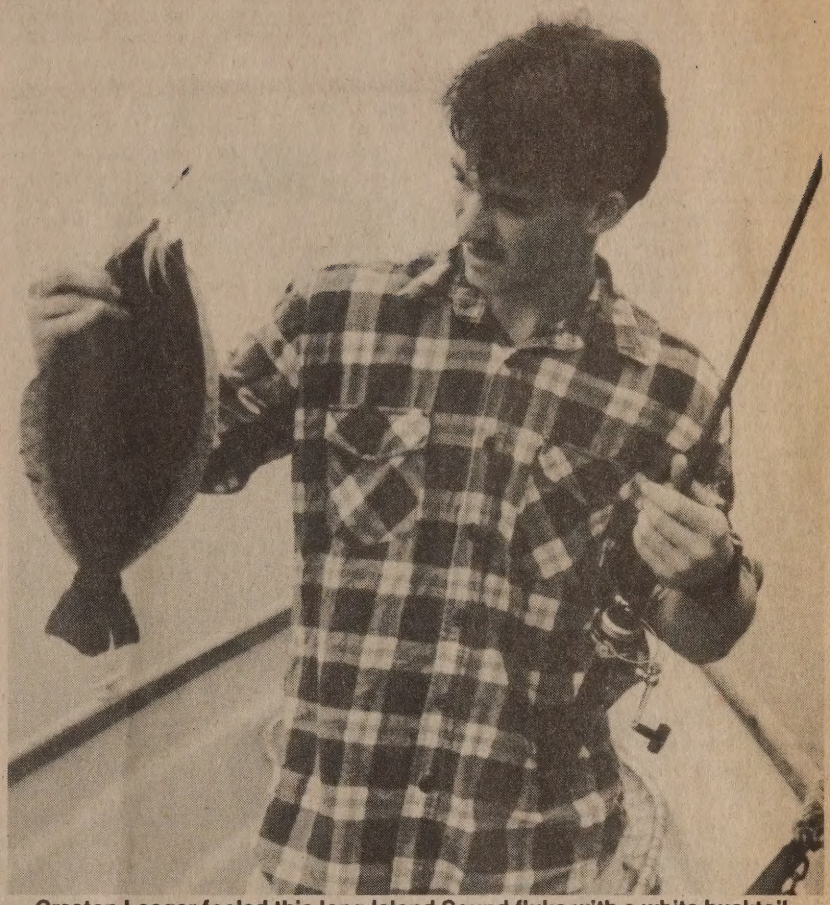
As I began to remove the bucktail from his mouth, I marked well one of the several features that separate the fluke, **Paralichthys dentatus** from his cousin, the winter flounder. As I looked at those ivory white dentures I wondered what it must be like to be a lowly sand eel surprised from below and consumed with deliberate speed. A heinous fate indeed, but this time the fluke was on the receiving end, fooled by the deception that I offered.

Fluke will attack almost any lure that resembles a baitfish when it is worked properly along the bottom. Bucktail jigs are a favorite lure along the north shore and they come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and colors with white, red and white, and yellow being the favorite choices. Fluke have also been known to attack diamond jigs, spoons and even trolled lures such as umbrella rigs but fluke are sluggish when compared to bluefish so these lures must be worked slowly. Occasionally bait such as squid, fish strip and pork rind is added to these lures as an added enticement.

Perhaps the most favored rig along the north shore is the standard bottom rig, but the sinker from such a rig often gets fouled in the many rocks that abound in north shore waters. A few years ago, my father-in-law showed me a rig that makes the sinker from such a rig virtually weedless or better to say, rockless. It is a standard fluke rig that a friend had shown him consisting of a crossline swivel with a three foot snell attached to two, tandem tied Carlisle hooks. Tied to the other swivel is 10 inches of 40 pound test monofilament connected to a three ounce sinker. But around the line attached to the sinker is a sheath of 1/2 inch white surgical tubing stretched over and around the sinker. Unlike the salmon and steelhead rig it resembles, this rig is not a breakaway type like those using a pencil lead weight. This rig never gets caught when worked properly because the rubber sheath springs along the bottom and there are no sharp edges to get fouled. Also, the rig is particularly effective because it works on the teaser theory. When rigged with a snapper, killie or strip bait, the fluke actually sees first what appears to be an oversized sand eel or eel being followed by a small baitfish. The fluke is teased by the white tubing but, finding that he can't eat something so large, he drops back and devours the bait, hooks included. This rig is particularly effective on larger fluke and is used while drift fishing. Variations on this rig can include the substitution of different colored tubing, or the addition of spinner blades, beads or various style hooks such as Aberdeen, Wide Gap or the Mustad style Beak hook #92586 in a 2/0 or 3/0 size.

There are many places to fish along the north shore during the peak of the season. In July, the sandy areas just north of the Shoreham Power Plant, the entrance to Mt. Sinai Harbor and Mt. Misery Shoal produce larger fish in good quantities. As we move into August, the outflow from Flax Pond and the Nissequogue River, the rocky areas off Old Field Point, Crane's and Eaton's Neck and the shoal water of Center Island begin to provide their fair share of keepers and doormats.

If you plan on fishing for fluke this summer, remember there is a minimum size requirement of 14 inches. Though they are a rather abundant fish it is still necessary to try and release any fish that fall short of the minimum length requirement with the least amount of trauma possible. To accomplish this, handle each fish as little as you can, trying to free the hook from the fish's mouth while he is still in the net. After he is free of the hook, place the net back in the water and reverse it, setting the fluke free. This minimizes the hand contact you make with the fish and reduces the chances of injury. If we all take an interest in the future stocks of summer flounder, he might someday rival the bluefish in popularity and numbers.



Creston Laager fooled this long Island Sound fluke with a white bucktail.

TEASERS FOR THE SURF

by Gerald Hahn

Teasers have carved a valuable niche in the arsenal of surf fishermen.

The urge to beat a competitor is as true in fish as in man. For example, if a bluefish sees a large baitfish chasing a small one, the blue invariably gobbles up the small one even though he could have had a much better meal out of the large one. Indeed, some predatory fish are so greedy, they would rather attack an artificial than a natural offering. Some of the largest predatory fish—teen sized blues, 10 pound tiderunners, 50 pound stripers—have been taken in by a teaser.

Teasers certainly are versatile. Some blue water fishermen troll a hookless plug, which makes a commotion on the surface behind the boat and draws big game fish to the vicinity. The plug is then retrieved and the game fish charges other lures or natural baits nearby. The hookless plug has served its purpose: teasing the fish into striking.

A teaser does not have to be an artificial lure, however. On the television program, "Saltwater Journal" (ESPN), Mark Sosin, a well-known sport fisherman and writer, reversed the concept of a teaser. While Sosin stood at attention with a fly rod, Gary Marconi, skipper of the charter boat, Road Runner in Key West, livelined a baitfish just off the stern. Soon a great barracuda crashed through the surface and lunged at the baitfish. The toothy critter only managed to tear into the tail section of the bait, however, because Marconi had suddenly jerked the rig out of the water. Meanwhile, Sosin quickly cast a large white streamer fly to the same spot. The barracuda, circling back to finish his meal, mistook the fly for the remaining section of baitfish and wound up with a hook in his mouth. Here was an example of a highly effective quick switch, in which a natural bait served as a teaser for a lure.

Teasers are not only versatile, for some species they outperform any single lure or bait. One of the most effective teasers, in fact, is a mackerel tree, which consists of a three ounce diamond jig below three #1 hooks adorned with tinker tubing. The hooks are secured directly to dropper loops on the line, about 10 inches apart. The setup resembles a large baitfish pursuing three small ones, which serve as teasers. Mackerel are suckers for this rig; almost all of them go for the teasers. Even when the teaser is reduced to a single hook above the jig, most of the fish bypass the larger lure and hit the teaser.

That mackerel are small predators swimming in tightly formed ranks has little to do with their attraction to a teaser. Pollock fishermen from New Jersey to Maine rig up their teasers the same way, albeit with larger lures. In Kennebunkport, in fact, they use a 14 ounce Norwegian jig with a 10/0 O'Shaughnessy hook adorned with a thick red surgical tube dangling from a dropper loop a yard above. Here, in 200 feet of water, not only pollock but cod and cusk will leap for the teaser. Even the dwarfs of the cod family, one pound whiting, get in on the act, as I once discovered.

Boat fishermen are not the only ones who use teasers, however. On various beaches, surfmen have discovered that the teaser/lure combination is highly effective on striped bass, weakfish, bluefish and mackerel. The most commonly used teaser for shore fishing consists of a hook adorned with bucktail or surgical tube. Favored colors are white bucktail and green, red or white tubing, although dark hues are sometimes employed as well. Tinker tubing in 3/16" ID (inside diameter) is fine for school sized fish and mackerel. Latex rubber tubing in 1/8" ID is generally used for larger fish. For working an ocean beach, where line weights range from 12 to 20 pound test, the dressed hook, a 4/0 to 6/0 O'Shaughnessy or Siwash hook, is snelled to an 8 inch leader of 50 pound test. The looped end of the snelled leader is secured to a dropper loop on the running line 18 inches above the larger lure. The stiff leader reduces tangles. However, since many fishermen beef up the end of the running line with a two foot length of heavier monofilament, say 20 pound test for a

12 pound test running line, they attach the teaser somewhat differently. First, the two lines are tied to a dark barrel swivel with improved clinch knots; then the looped end of the snelled teaser is secured to one of the swivel's eyelets. Similarly, a teaser can be connected to the barrel swivel on an 18 to 24 inch wire leader for bluefishing.

When using lighter line for school fish, and smaller teasers, there are other ways to tie in the smaller offering. If the quarry does not have sharp teeth, the teaser hook can simply be secured to a dropper loop on the running line, without an intervening snelled leader. Since many light tackle fishermen also add about 18 inches of heavier monofilament as a shocker, the heaver line can secure the teaser at the same time. For example, when tying the heavier line to a barrel swivel, leave about 9 inches of line extending beyond the improved clinch knot and tie the teaser hook to it. Similarly, those who favor a blood knot for connecting a heavy line to a light line should also leave 9 inches of the heavier line extending beyond the knot. This line, standing at a right angle to the fishing line, can then be tied to the teaser hook with an improved clinch knot, a Palomar knot or a Uni-knot.

Although surgical tubes and bucktail are used by the majority of surf fishermen, effective teasers may be fashioned out of other materials. Many of the soft plastic and latex tails found on leadhead jigs, such as those manufactured by Boone, Bagley, Mr. Twister, Mann and Tri-Fin, make excellent teasers. Instead, if the leadhead is very small (1/6 oz., 1/8 oz.), it can serve as a teaser in its own right. The paraphernalia of a fly fisherman—natural and synthetic hairs and feathers, mylar piping and the like—make fine teasers as well. So do various patterns made of pork rind.

There are ready-made lures specifically designed as teasers, as well. The Red Gill, manufactured by Blue Fox, consists of rubbery teasers that resemble actual baitfish in various colors. The 4½ inch Rascal is just about right for most surf fishing, although some fishermen favor the larger 6½ inch Raven. Light tackle fishermen should look into the 2½ inch Baby Gill.

There is almost no limit to the kind of lure that can be matched up with a teaser. For example, a jointed Rebel, a Stan Gibbs swimmer or an Atom popper makes an effective surface or sub-surface combination with any of the teasers mentioned. So do sinking and diving plugs. Metal, whether in the form of a tin squid or a diamond jig, is often matched with a teaser for bluefishing.

Occasionally, predatory fish, for whatever reason, are teased into striking when the teaser is placed behind the larger offering. One way to accomplish this is to remove the tail hook from a large plug. The looped end of an 8 to 12 inch snelled teaser is then secured to the rear eyelet of the plug. If you do not believe that this reversed arrangement makes any sense, let me say that I once observed a fisherman in the Florida Keys bring in a hammerhead shark on a ballyhoo he had intentionally rigged backwards. That the baitfish was swimming backwards didn't faze the shark at all.

When fishing is slow, teasers give the shorebound angler an edge. I would not recommend using a teaser when sharp-toothed critters, such as bluefish, raid the beaches in a frenzied mass. Unless you are using a wire leader, you run the risk of losing the entire rig, teaser and all. When the fishing is erratic, however, a teaser provides additional movement and appeal. It enlarges the offering considerably. Mostly, it brings out an instinctive, competitive urge in predatory fish. Although casting distance may be reduced somewhat when using a teaser, the retrieve—rapid, slow, smooth, erratic—is basically the same as when using a single lure.

As you can see, teasers are easy to rig and use. They are inexpensive, too. For the few extra pennies, the return can be substantial indeed, particularly in the quality of the quarry. For the old adage, "Big baits catch big fish," is not always true. Not when a little baitfish seems to be scurrying away from a larger one.

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NORTH RIP WEAKS

by Rod Teehan

Each year around the second week in July, Skip Fleet's Rhode Island fishing reports in NEF begin carrying news of the presence of big weakfish in Block Island's North Rip. These large tiderunners provide the average weekender with excellent light tackle angling opportunities. Although I've only been there twice, I can at least tell what I know, so you, too, can participate in the exciting sport North Rip's lunker weakfish offer.

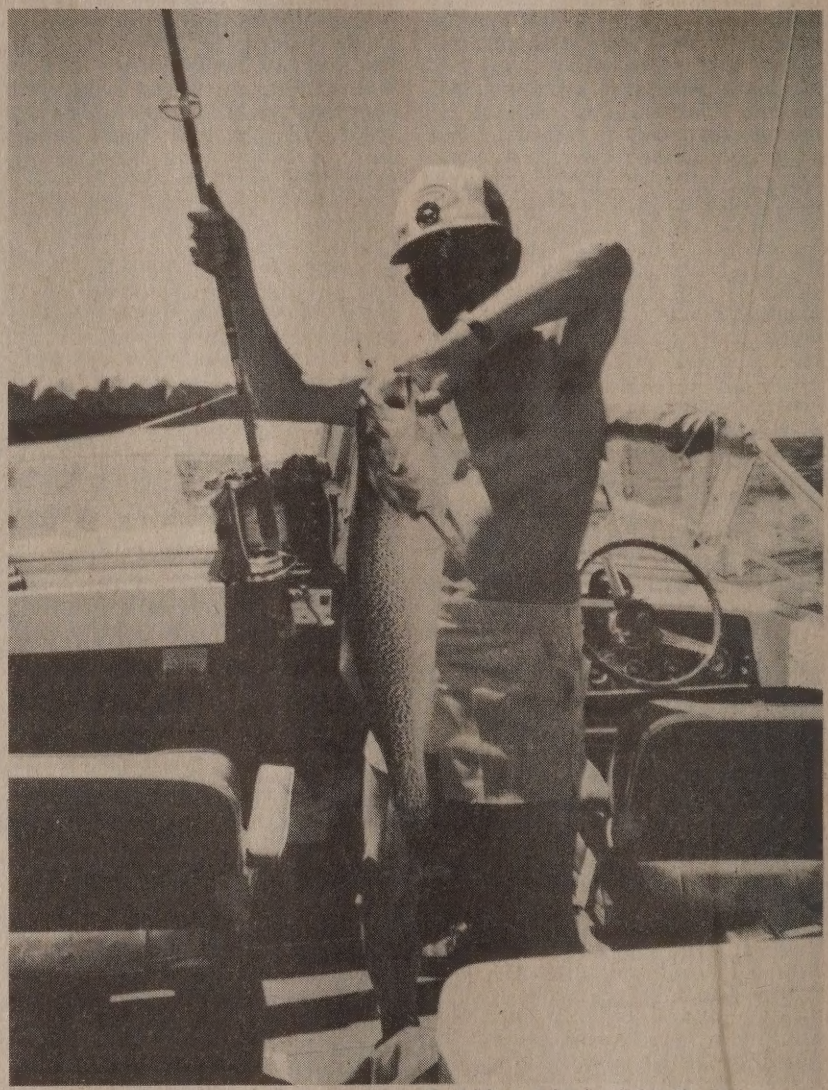
We'll assume you're a newcomer who can use some help getting to the rip. Here's what we do. Fellow Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club member Henry Monczko, on whose boat I've been a guest for both of my trips to the rips, likes to launch in the back pond at Charlestown at Sanders' Marina. If you follow Henry's lead, be sure to familiarize yourself first with the back pond which is very shallow. Navigating has been facilitated by the placement of poles marking the channel. By staying right in the middle of the poles, you should be all right.

An alternative is to use the public ramp on the east side of Charlestown Breachway. Henry doesn't like this ramp because the tidal flow can create launch and recovery problems. However, a lot of people seem to use the ramp without experiencing any difficulty.

Whichever approach you take, reaching the rip once you've passed through Charlestown Breachway is quite simple. On most days you can see the north side of the island just 8 to 9 miles out in the Sound. Compass bearing is 157 degrees from the breachway.

Once you arrive at the rip, watch for concentrations of boats and turn your recorder on. Beyond that I can't give much help in locating the fish. If the weaks are there, anglers will be working them, and you will start marking them on your graph. By the way, even on weekdays there are usually quite a few boats drifting the rip; weekends, as you might imagine, are very crowded.

Most boats will be drifting and jigging. The tactic of choice seems to be to motor uptide of the spot where fish have been located, then drift down through them while jigging. I'm positive that specific locations in the rip are more productive than others, but I have no knowledge of such spots. You'll have to do as we do and sort of search around until you contact fish. Last year it took us at least an hour to get into the weaks. But you'll discover that it is worth every minute of effort when you do find those big, beautiful weakies.



Henry with a 10½ pound weakfish that hit a 6 inch white Mr. Twister mounted on a small jig head.

Averaging 7 to 10 lbs., North Rip weakfish are superb light tackle opponents. I've caught some on powerful saltwater tackle and still enjoyed the battle immensely. But on freshwater tackle (or light saltwater) they are grand sport indeed. My first Block Island weakfish trip in '84 amazed me because of the number of fishermen who were using light or ultralight freshwater outfits. Those anglers knew then what I know now: weakfish are meant for light tackle.

In '85 I left my saltwater rod and reel home and brought along my favorite freshwater baitcasting outfit instead. I caught only three weaks in the 6 hour tide we fished, but every second of each long battle provided more pleasure than catching twice as many on heavier gear. I can't emphasize enough that light tackle is the way to go.

I even downsized my line from the usual 17 lb. test I use for largemouths to 10 lb. test. Apparently, weakfish are line shy. I'd guess that locating fish is of paramount importance, and that those anglers who know exactly where to contact weaks in the rip at any given moment under various conditions can catch them on heavy

lines. For the rest of us, light line gives the little added edge needed to put a few weakfish in the cooler.

Buzz Andrews, one of the best weakfishermen in the Pioneer Valley Club, likes to use 6 inch Mr. Twister Originals. I followed his lead. Just as I do with a freshwater jig 'n worm, I use Krazy Glue to weld the Mr. Twister to a 1/2 ounce round jig head. So glued, the tail stays on the hook indefinitely. White is an excellent color choice.

Other lures have also worked well, including a plain white bucktail (lead-head) jig with white pork rind dressing. Henry likes the Eeltail manufactured by Gag's Grabbers. And although I've never tried one myself, I do know that for several years now a 6 inch plastic worm mounted on a light jig head has been deadly for weakfish.

Three fellows in a small boat provided us with our first clues for success. On that first trip back in '84 we watched in amazement as they caught fish after fish while we struggled for 7. Not only were they using light tackle, they were also retrieving **very slowly**. While we jerked our bucktails back to the boat, they merely jigged casually, barely turning the handles of their reels. They must have totaled at least 30 big weaks. Besides setting a slow pace that weaks apparently prefer, leisurely jigging and slowly retrieving keeps the jig on or near the bottom. As Pete Nernicki, another Pioneer Valley expert, says, the key to successful jig fishing for weakfish is to keep the lure on the bottom.

Strikes are seldom ferocious. At best you'll feel a bump from down there at the end of the line. Often, nothing more than a solid, movable resistance is perceived. However, that resistance will weigh 7 to 10 pounds, which is hard to mistake for anything else, especially since there isn't much of anything to snag in the rip.

Not every strike will come from weakfish. North Rip in July is also one of southern New England's premier horse mackerel hotspots. When the macs are in, you can fill a barrel with 2 to 2½ pounders. They're nearly as much fun as the weakfish.

Blues usually mix with the weaks and macs. Unless you begin losing lures, though, don't bother with a wire leader. Weakies don't like heavy leaders any more than they like heavy lines.

Fishing for weakfish in Block Island's North Rip isn't as great as it was a few years back—an indication that the present population is diminishing. Still, there are enough left to warrant a try, particularly by anyone looking to catch his first weak on light tackle. Do remember a long-handled net for scooping up those weaks and a cooler for storing them. Weaks spoil fast, so you must get them on ice quickly. Other than that, there's nothing left to say except to wish you good fishing.

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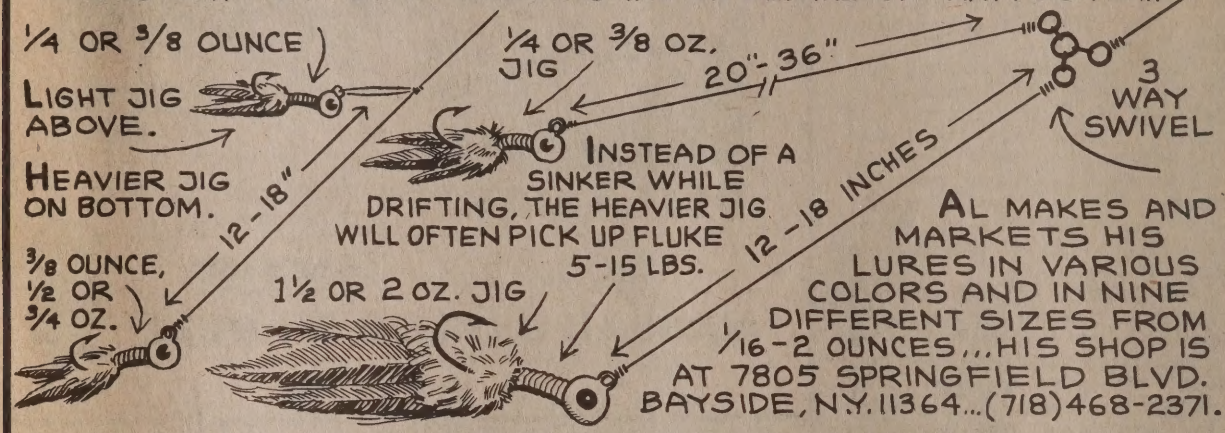
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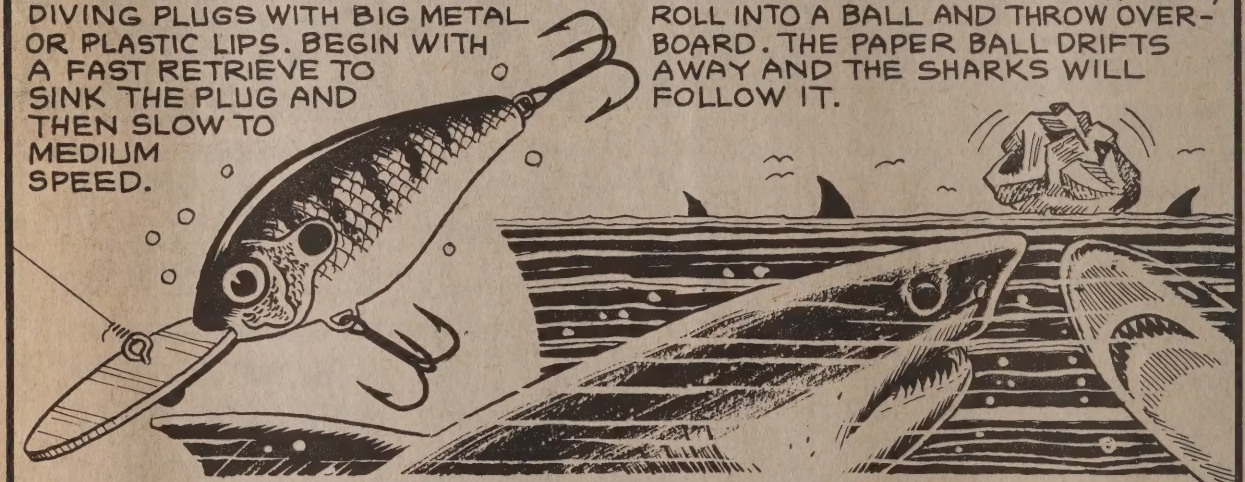

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by Russ Wilson

We've caught a lot of fluke that might otherwise have escaped our baits when fishing the sheltered waterways that dot our coast. And, most of those "stolen" fish were caught because we did not follow the accepted procedures for catching summer flatfish.

Standard drifting techniques will usually put fish in the cooler, but there are times when fluke just don't play according to the basic rules. It is during these "finicky" periods that it pays to do a little experimenting with off the wall techniques that are not in the average fisherman's bag of tricks.

Trolling for fluke is one of these seldom used methods and yet we've had excellent results when trolling the back bay channels and dropoffs where it is difficult to present a bait when using any of the standard techniques.

This is a game best played by owners of small boats. It just is not feasible to attempt trolling some narrow channel edge with a big inboard cruiser or any of the larger center console type rigs. You need a small boat in order to negotiate the back bays and anything above 18 feet is more of a liability than an asset.

Fluke that enter the rivers and bays will usually set up residence near a ready food supply. This is the most important factor to consider when looking for fluke "hotspots" in a small body of water, and anglers who put in the time to learn the cuts, rips, channel edges and dropoffs which lay along the channels are most apt to reap the benefits of fishing the sheltered waterways.

Suitable fluke habitat will have certain basic requirements. For openers, it must be situated near a deep water sanctuary so they can escape to the deep when frightened. This means you will be looking for edges and dropoffs that are within a short distance of a deep water channel or hole.

Next in importance is a continuous food source. Channels that pass through shallow water flats will usually provide a constant supply of foods that fluke will eat. Small minnows, worms, grass shrimp and crabs that live upon the flats are forced into the deep waters as tides recede and as they enter the domain of the fluke, they become easy pickings for the large predatory flatfish.

All fish like moving water since it provides a constant source of well oxygenated water. Channels, points of land and places where the river or bay narrows are ideally suited to the fluke's never ending need for oxygen. Anglers who concentrate their efforts to these areas will usually enjoy better than average fluke fishing on a day to day basis.

Also worth noting is the fact that fluke will not travel too far from home base to seek out a meal. Summer flatfish prefer to lay in wait for their food and will normally be found lying tight to the bottom along a channel edge or dropoff where smaller baitfish must pass as they move from one area of the river or bay to another. Once you find these "fish highways," you are virtually assured of having good fluke fishing throughout the summer months.

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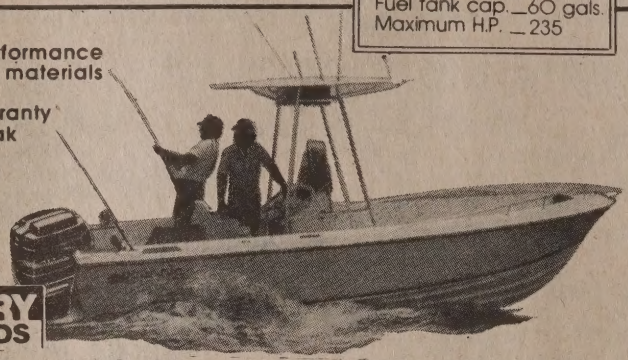

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day. When it comes to catching fluke in the estuaries, it is very hard to beat the hours following first light in the morning and the short period of time between dusk and full dark. It is during these brief moments that fluke are showing their aggressive nature. Fishermen who bait with killies or small tinker mackerel will usually catch their largest fluke during these "prime time" feeding periods, and as a bonus they will have the water to themselves.

You can use a variety of techniques to catch fluke from the shallow estuaries but, in our opinion, nothing quite matches using a slow troll to present baits or lures in a near natural fashion.

There is a knack to trolling for fluke. It is not hard to master, however, and once you get the hang of it you will see the results immediately. You must remember that fluke are not a fast swimming fish. If you attempt to troll them at bluefish speed, you might as well admit defeat before you begin.

Fluke like a meal presented in easy to catch fashion. This means you must troll at a snail's pace and concentrate on what you are doing. Smaller fluke will generally smack a bait with authority, but the larger fish are not quite as naive and will mouth a bait before attempting to swallow it whole. This is where the men and boys undergo a separation. Those in the know can feel the slightest change in the way their bait acts and will react accordingly.

Larger fluke will grab a bait and hold onto it, deciding whether or not it's to their liking. During this hold and taste period you must allow slack line to spool off the reel without any pressure so the fluke does not become aware there is a hook and line attached to his meal. If it feels right to the fluke, he'll swallow the bait and you can set the hook securely by engaging the reel and lifting the rod sharply.

This is where a lot of would be flukers lose the battle. They try to stick the fluke the minute they feel resistance on the line and by doing so, they pull the bait from the fish's mouth. Better to wait a moment too long and hook the fish deep than to attempt a quick strike and miss the fish altogether.

A lot of experienced fluke trollers follow a basic pattern when working a channel edge of dropoff. They will troll along with the current, but at a slightly faster speed. Baits look natural as they "swim" with the tidal flow and even savvy fluke that have spent most of the summer inhabiting the rivers will eagerly attack the bait. But contrary to what many fishermen try to preach, fluke do not feed facing only into the current. They can also be taken when trolling against the tide, crosswise to the tide and when using a side to side technique that drags the baits from one side of the channel to the other.

We will normally begin a trolling

pattern so our baits move with the tidal flow, but if that fails to produce we have no qualms about trying a troll into the current or a crisscross troll so our baits pass from shallow to deep water and back again to the shallows. In fact, when grass shrimp are present we deliberately try trolling from one channel edge to the opposite side since this is the usual motion being employed by shrimp that rush onto the flats and back again into the deeper waters.

We *do not* troll a straight line from one end of a channel to the other. If working deeper waters, this would present the baits in a straight line down the channel which is not natural behavior for baitfish and it certainly does not appeal to fluke that are used to preying upon fish that act in a normal fashion. You may luck into a dumb fish now and then but on a yearly basis, your fluke score would not be very good.

Instead of using the straight line troll, try zigzagging back and forth across the channel. Although not guaranteed, I would suspect you will catch a greater number of fluke using the latter technique.

You should troll slightly faster than the existing current. Not a lot faster; just enough to give the baits a natural flutter or swimming action that will trigger response from the flatfish.

When working uptide, or against the current, you must keep the boat moving forward, but not so fast it makes the baits appear unnatural. As a rule, we will increase our sinker weight just enough to allow it to touch bottom every so often. If the sinker is not ticking bottom, you are trolling too fast or do not have enough weight to keep your baits in the strike zone.

There is no set of instructions that dictate exact trolling speed. Most experienced fluke fishermen learned the hard way by trial and error and, when they changed from one type of boat or motor to another, they had to relearn all over until they hit on the exact trolling speed that produced fluke on a continuous basis.

Equally important, is the distance from the boat you present the baits. You can often fish tight to the boat and catch but more often, you will find it pays to place the baits at least 50 to 75 feet behind the boat. This is extremely important when fishing very shallow waters since the commotion of a boat passing overhead will usually frighten the fluke for a moment and by the time they recover your baits are just passing over their lair.

All of the usual baits, including spearing, killies, strips of squid or fluke belly, sand eels, smelt or strips cut from the belly of a fresh caught snapper blue or tinker mackerel, will produce when used as a trolling bait.

The standard fluke rig, which utilizes a three foot leader of 20, 30 or 40 lb. test mono, a three-way swivel and a sinker is ideal for trolling as well as drift fishing and is available at most bait and tackle shops.

You can also make up special rigs for trolling. Some of the regulars use a four foot length of 15 or 20 lb. test clear mono leader material, a small three way swivel and a short monofilament dropper to which they attach their sinker. The dropper should measure no more than 12 inches and no less than 6 inches and is usually made from lighter mono than that of the leader so it will break first if it snags on bottom.

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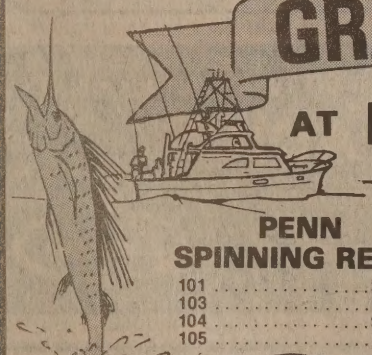

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Typical summer fishing continues on the east end, with plenty of shark, school and giant tuna offshore. Inshore, weakfish have come into the picture of Montauk. Larger fluke have moved in. Porgies are quite abundant. Fishing activity in the Peconics has picked up.

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Henry Uihlein reported very good fishing on the weekend on craft rented from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**. On Saturday, Phil DeFina accompanied by Evelyn, Jules Goldberg and Peter Hodgin, used umbrella rigs off Great Eastern to troll five weakfish, some in the twelve to thirteen pound range, on their boat "Boulibaisse". A couple of hours of fluking at Shagwong was enough for a good batch of keepers off Shagwong for Alfred Scotty and Elaine Coswell, with a couple of fish reaching four pounds.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacher of the **Little Bear** stated that porgy fishing is very good. On Friday, Dave Hardshawn caught seventy-four porgies with some sea bass and blackfish. Although the stiff southwest winds on Saturday hampered efforts a bit, Fred Porter of New Jersey caught porgies, plus a five pound fluke which ate his porgy bait. With great weather on Sunday, all anglers had full buckets of three quarters to one and a half pound fish, with a few humpbacks of two and three pounds brought over the rails. Fans will be happy to know that Carl "Jamaica" is recovered from his accident and hack on the rod, he was high hook on Sunday with fifty-five porgies. Captain Dusty is fishing Gardiner's and local Montauk waters.

Action on the **Flying Cloud** is very good, said Captain Fred Bird, with great catches in local Montauk or Gardiner's waters. On Friday, July 4th, high hook on scup was Luther Henry who returned to the Bronx with eighty-nine porgies. Anglers are catching anywhere from one half to over a bucket of porgies depending on expertise of the angler.

Captain Richie Rade of the **Marlin IV** reports porgy catches of up to fifty a man average the past week, with many anglers carrying overflowing buckets off the boat. Fishing is under the Montauk Light and at Gardiner's. A reminder that the **Marlin IV** is sailing for bluefish every night at seven pm.

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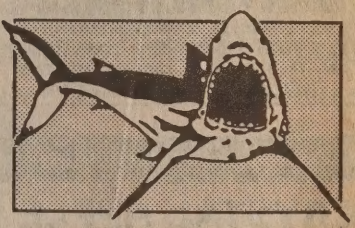
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Marina told of lots of tuna, both schoolies and giants brought in during the week. The MCA shark tournament is scheduled for this weekend, with a few spots available for boats over twenty-four feet in length. Crews can sign up until the captains meeting at seven pm. Call 668-5995 for information.

Tom Jordan, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina** heard of great action with most species of fish over the weekend. On Friday, Jerry Blessinger hooked up with a white marlin while sharking, but unfortunately, lost it at the boat. On the same day, Billy Stevens caught a fifty-six pound albacore on the "Buddy", and Richard Walter and his crew on the "Osprey" a two-hundred pound bluefin tuna. Weakfish showed up at the point and Shagwong, with six to twelve fish per boat an average catch on Friday, and Saturday. Most fish took jigs or bucktails. Mike McMahon and Brian, fishing on the "McLady" caught nine weaks at the point on Saturday, top weight ten pounds. Doctors Mel and Tony, and also Honey, traveled to Cox's Ledge on Saturday where they caught nine codfish to twenty-five pounds in weight, along with many very small cod. Sal Demeglio and his family fished with green crabs at New Ground for one-hundred and three blackfish, top weight ten pounds on Saturday. Sunday's calm weather was great for fluke according to John and Phil on the "Partnership". The pair boated sixty fluke to five pounds fishing at Shagwong. Walter Geist boated a seventy-seven pound yellowfin and a small albacore on the "Teri", also on Sunday.

Captain Bob Storc, of the charter boat **Caprice**, caught two bushels of humpback porgies fishing the Pocketbook on Friday with John Zeilinski and Glen Halem. The fish ranged to two and a half pounds. Saturday's trip with Ben Miceli and Gene Spangangers loaded up with blues and weakfish which fell to diamond jigs.

Captain Hall reported the capture of a 252 pound thresher shark for the Stolzenberg party a week ago. Rob Aronson was the angler of record on the charter boat Orion.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** counted twenty blue sharks on Saturday and Sunday's charters, with most of the fish over two-hundred pounds, a couple of male blue sharks topping 250 pounds! Saturday's trip was with Frank Mastropietro and his friends, Sunday with Stu Kenny and his friends. Shark action took place at the first finger.

Captain Zac Grossman reported three mako's from last Monday to Thursday, with reported weights of 178, 97, and 98 pounds, on the **Mako Express**. Captain Zac has only one shark date left for spring sharking, a few school tuna dates and a few fall openings. Call him for booking information.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie III** was heavy into porgies on the weekend. On Friday with Freddie Johnson of Brooklyn, 458 porgies, four dozen sea bass and some flounder and blues were caught, while on Saturday, with Gregory from New Jersey, 392 porgies and some sea bass were put into the fish box. Fishing was best at the elbow and south side. Porgies ranged to three pounds.

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** reported that weaks are in! Very good catches were made on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, lots of fish, good sizes. Sunday's catching was a bit slower, but is sure to pick up again. Call Captain DeMaio for available charter dates.

Captain Bill Ricca had three shark trips on the **Allyssa Ann** last week during which some brown sharks to one-hundred pounds, and many blue sharks to 225 were fought and released. All blue sharks were tagged. Fishing was done in 220 to 240 feet of water south of Montauk. Anglers included Peter Scala, Dan Rourke, and Bob Fallon. A blackfish trip on Sunday located 78 blackfish for Fred Sica and his two friends using green crabs. Captain Ricca stated that ten of the fish were over seven pounds, with top weight eleven pounds.

Captain Paul Forsberg called to report on the state of fishing activity from the viewpoint of the **Viking Fleet**. Fluking is very good, although

there are plenty of shorts, there are plenty of keepers. Night bluefishing is tremendous with all big fish. Cod at Cox's Ledge however is very slow. Captain Forsberg has announced a change in schedule for the **Viking Fleet**. Starting this week, codfishing at Cox's Ledge will be scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 4:30, with reservations suggested. Bluefish trips will take place at 6:30 am from Sunday through Wednesday and also each night at seven pm.

Edelman's Lou Rosado reported good shark action on a recent trip on the Bullet with Islander Bobby Nystrom and his dad who was visiting from Canada. His dad had never been offshore before and was delighted with all the action: two brown sharks, two makos and 13 blue sharks were hooked up. On July 4th, a short trip fishing Cox's Ledge located one 35 lb. cod and a dozen smaller cod, before the group decided to go sharking. After 10 blue sharks were fought in 1½ hours, the group called it quits. Saturday's trip on the "Sea Whimp" with Gary Basmer and Nick Matzkiw located 15 fluke and a couple of sea bass. Tough drifting conditions in 30 MPH southwest winds was an inhibiting factor in fluking.

Captain John DeMaio called just as we were going to press to report on th **Vivienne's** early morning trip—Monday in the fog. Two dozen weakfish were caught, average weight 8 lbs., along with one half bushel of fluke!

Richard Berk, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin**, reported red hot giant tuna action this past week. Some catches include a 656 lb. giant on the Merlin by Ed Borge on Thursday; Paul Stern of the **Tuna Tangler** with a giant of 654, his eighth of the season; a 550 lb. fish on the Cummings Boat which hooked up 13 miles southeast of the point on Friday. Tuna fishing is described as red hot—lots of action. The **Marine Basin** is holding its first annual Giant Tuna Tournament on the weekend of July 19th and 20th, with a total purse of $25,000. Entry fee is $500 per boat. Dock space is limited. Call 668-5900 for application and further details. Top prize will be $7,500; in addition there will be ten other cash prizes. In other action, Al Barone fishing on the Hustler with Gary Carpenter boated eight yellowfin to 70 lbs. plus a 75 lb. bigeye on a canyon overnighter. A 73 lb. white marlin was caught by Robert Woodward of Fairfield, Conn., while fishing with John Sevilla on the Safari Hunter. The fish reportedly took a bunker while sharking about 50 miles offshore.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports great shark action all week with some of the largest blue sharks of the year. On Friday with Jeff Becker (his second trip this season) Saturday with Mr. Maley and his group, and on Sunday with Richard Lyons and friends. One s hark on Saturday was estimated at 12 feet in length, while a shark brought in on Sunday weighed 294 at the dock. A giant tuna trip was attempted on Wednesday with the "original hummers," Joe Leyman, Buddy Toomey and Ed Lowe of Newsday. The group had an immediate hook-up with a tuna, which pulled the hook. A violent thunderstorm cancelled further fishing, however. Captain Lewis has an open date July 16th for shark or tuna. Call him for details.

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SOUTH FORK

Not too many anglers fished this weekend, most being occupied with family outings and Liberty weekend, according to Dick Mendelman of **Harbor Marina.** However, those who ventured out for fluke, encountered lots of action on the north side of Gardiner's, with some fish to 5 lbs.

George Pharaoh saw a catch of 70 porgies made by William Fuller at Cedar Point, near the buoy on Friday. Porgy catches continued on Saturday, same place. Vince Russo, who keeps his boat at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** drifted a squid strip off Plum Island for a fluke of 7 lbs. 7 oz. Lots os short fluke are in the area of the Ruins. Lots of bluefish were located at the Ruins on Sunday. George also heard of nice fluke catches at Montauk at Culloden Point. Weakfish reports are scarce. Although there are no signs of snappers yet, it is felt that they should appear within two weeks.

Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric** reported fantastic porgy fishing, "Just like old times," with Friday and Saturday's trips very good—a lot of fish, very little boat traffic. On Friday, John Washington took 47 porgies, some sea bass and blackfish back to the Bronx. It was difficult to say who was high hook on this trip, since almost all anglers had the same amount. On Saturday, "Jamaica" John and his wife teamed for 95 porgies. Most porgies are in the medium and large size range. fishing was best off Plum Island and around Gardiner's. Captain Lach claimed that it's time to come down if you want to fill your freezer! On the fluke scene, a fluke charter on Sunday found a decent pick on the flood tide. Many shorts still inhabit the waters, but many keepers, some to 4 lbs., were netted.

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Walt and Dennis from New Jersey fished from **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in Southampton in quest of fluke, returning with 25 from Shinnecock Bay on the weekend. Gary Whelen brought in a 3¾ lb. fluke. Larry Laveglia travelled more than 30 miles offshore on Friday, returning with 4 yellowfin tuna, weighing 65, 60, 45 and 45 Lbs. Chip, Doc Holiday and "Chief" Rudy Kleivan also found tuna Friday: two yellowfin and a bluefin from 52 to 62 lbs. in weight.

Thom, at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** had a variety of both inshore and offshore reports: on the offshore scene, Phil Gay and Marc Borucher trolled feathers and soft heads in 240 feet of water for three yellowfin to 70 lbs. and 5 albacore to 40 lbs. The same day (Friday) Peter Cipolla and Tony DeMar trolling green machines ahead of a pink bird in 200 feet of water, connected with five yellowfins plus a 225 lb. mako which jumped on the bird before it grabbed the green machine. On the inshore scene, 20 blues were plugged at Cow Neck in the Peconics by an angler working by boat. Fluke, as many as 6 keepers for one angler, were located from the commercial docks at the West Channel at Shinnecock Inlet. Flounder remain good west of the Ponquogue Bridge. Blackfish continue strong on the north side of Gardiner's at the tower. Good bluefishing happened in the ocean from 60 feet of water and deeper late last week.

Captain Tom Federico of the **Harbor Hooker III** reported an increase in inshore fishing in the Sag Harbor, Peconic Bays area. Bluefihs have moved back into Jessups Neck and also were caught at Crow Shoals and eastwards to the Ruins. Indications are that the algae seems to be clearing, since porgies have returned to Sag Harbor. They were caught near

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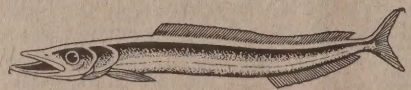

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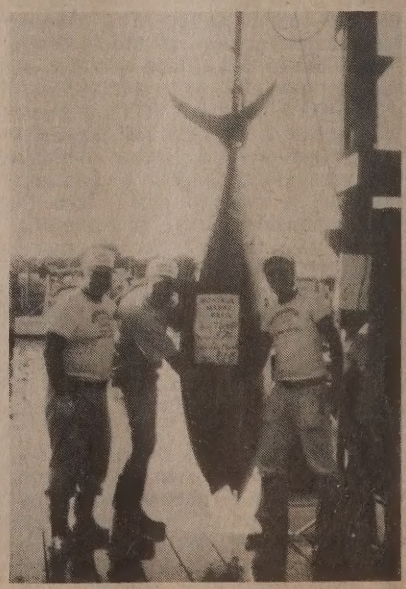

Don Farrell with a 570 lb. giant tuna taken at Montauk last summer aboard Captain Bob Rocchetta's "Rainbow II."

the red spindle in the harbor and also at Cedar Point and Robbins Island. Blackfish remain good at Orient Point.

Captain Federico enjoyed a family shark trip on the **Harbor Hooker III**, fishing the 40 fathom line out of Montauk on Friday. Large blue sharks, some to 225 lbs., were tagged and released. At one point, blue shark activity was so hot that lines had to be pulled from the water in to order to have only one on at once.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Colofaro

Flatfish continue to dominate the bay action with flounder fishing still holding strong in Moriches Bay and also in the western bays. Fluke fishing continues its upward trend in Great South Bay and some signs that the fluke fishing may be improving in Moriches as well. Offshore fishing produced action with bluefin and yellowfin tuna in 150-180' of water. Most boats running to the canyons encountered rough seas early over the Holiday weekend but those that did make the trip reported good action. Bluefish continue to pick up any slack left by other species. Small fish were at the inlets with larger fish in the 5-8 pound class in 60-80' of water and slammers out beyond the 90' mark. The first snappers have appeared but most are too small to bother with yet. Give them a couple of weeks. Decent crabbing reports from Great South Bay.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Speaking from **Las Brisas Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Bob Santiago reported that the Hess family needed just a few hours on Saturday to put away 40 big flounder from 1¼ to 2½ pounds. The foursome fished near buoy 32. On Sunday, one rental customer returned with 28 big flounder up to 2¾ pounds. Flatties are being taken between buoys 32 and 36 in deep water. Fluke fishing showing signs of improving. One customer returned on Sunday with 9 nice fish taken drifting between buoys 30 and 31. Bob reminded that he will be providing boat rental specials, Monday through Wednesday for the month of July. See his ad for details.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Alma Fleet** said that flounder fishing continued very good on most trips though tide is a factor with the best action on incoming water. Bloodworms working best in the bait department. The size of the fish has been particularly impressive. On Friday, Mitch Thurer had 16 flatties including a 2¾ pound pool winner. Sunday morning's trip was a good one but fishing slumped during the afternoon trip as a result of poor tide conditions. Fluking remains picky.

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that flounder fishing is holding up strong at buoys 29 and 36. Look for the best action three hours before to three hours after high water. Despite poor tides for fluke this week (flood tide best) those who did their fishing in the early morning did well. On Sunday, Tom Molinari and his son Tony put away 12 keepers to 3 pounds. They were back at the dock by 9:30 AM. Best fluking has been between buoys 38 and 41 and at the West Cut. Crabs are around but on the small side. Gary reminded that contrary to some reports, there is no algae problem in Moriches Bay. Water quality has been very good.

Capt. Joe Martinek of the **Center Moriches** charter boat **Rum N Coke** reported on a canyon trip which ran from last Tuesday thru Wednesday. Taken during the trip were a white marlin, 10 yellowfin tuna to 75 pounds and one longfin albacore.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** came further word concerning the fine flounder fishing underway in Moriches Bay. A trio of Patchogue Fishing Club members, George Dietz, JD May and Bill Antos put way 125 big flatties between Saturday and Sunday. They fished near buoy 32 and according to Paul, most of the fish weighed between 1½ and 2 pounds. The largest checked in at 2¾ pounds. An impressive score at any time of the season! From the local docks a few very small snappers though not yet ready for catching. Some big eels and an occasional

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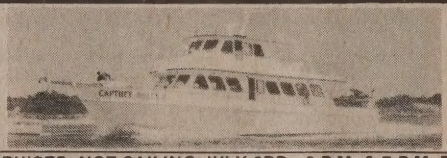

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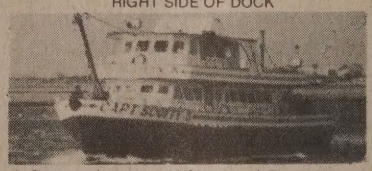

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fluke and improved crabbing for those working the traps. Small blues are at the inlet and back in the bay as far east as Ocean Beach. 007s working well on these small choppers. Some decent fluking around Great South Bay for those who work at it. One customer reported 5 nice keepers from West Channel during the week. Several offshore customers reported tuna all over the surface in 180' of water SE of Fire Island and Moriches Inlets. Most had a tough time getting them to bite however. Another body of fish located in 210' of water SE of Moriches seemed much more receptive to trolled lures.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** related the results of a trip he made aboard the "My Girl" during a Thursday—Saturday trip, 125 miles off the beach. Two white marlin, one mako shark, seventeen dolphin, two bigeyes including a 227 pounder and all of the yellowfin and albacore you could want, most of which were released, were taken during the trip. Closer to home, Al reported some decent fluking underway. The Coast Guard Station, West Channel, Kismet and Fair Harbor all produced some nice catches of summer flounder this week. On Sunday, the crew aboard the "And How" put away 13 keepers along with a few small blues working near the Coast Guard Station. Lots of blues and tuna for boatmen working offshore. Most of the tuna are of the non-biting variety but several boats did score in 160-180' of water SE and SW of the inlet. Some nice crabs being taken from the dock in Great River and West Sayville.

"Some nice catches of fluke this week, particularly from the Kismet area" according to Jim Romano of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. On Friday, Phil Kornely and Rick Sullivan aboard the "Sea Saw" put away 29 keepers working near the Lighthouse on the Ebb tide. They used sandeels. With a new approach on Sunday, the pair put away 18 keepers. Killies fished on the flood tide near Fair Harbor accounted for Sunday's action. Small blues continue to roam inside the bay and inlet with some very good bluefishing outside the inlet. Fish from 4 to 8 pounds being trolled on umbrella rigs in 70-90' of water. Diamond jiggers also working on these fish to the east. Back to last weekend, John Kavanagh and his son aboard "FJR Me Too" accounted for five sharks including a 205 pound blue and 2 small makos. First reports of a few small snappers at the docks and improved crabbing as well.

According to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, good fluking in Dickerson and Snake Hill Channels, at the Lighthouse and the Coast Guard Station. Bigger fish being taken at the latter spot. Jack Brightenbucher returned with 6 fluke to four pounds from there. He returned a bunch of smaller fish. Small blues were in the bay at the Lighthouse on the weekend. Carl knew of fish to 4 pounds trolled prior to all of the traffic. Bigger blues out in 60-80 feet of water opposite Cherry Grove. That fishing was particularly good on Friday. A few small weaks to 2 pounds reported behind West Island and some real good crabbing with one customer taking 65 from a spot near the Sore Thumb. Some also being taken at the Bay Shore Marina. Several skippers reported lots of yellowfin tuna in the middle of the Compass Rose on Friday. Not many caught, however.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** relayed word of excellent fluking this past week. He said each day sees 400 to 500 fluke taken of which 150-200 are keepers. Neil has been concentrating

his efforts between the Lighthouse and West Channel.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Richie** said that fluking continues on the upswing with some nice size fish mixing in. Among the better fish taken during the week were fluke of 6½ pounds by Lori Novick and 5 pounds for Louis Cafarelli.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger had a few notable fish grace the scale this weekend. Bernard Elstein decked a 10.1 pound blackfish aboard the Capt. Rod while fluking on Friday. Elmberto Del Prete decked a 5.1 pound fluke aboard the Capt. Leitch on Saturday. Shore fishermen got into the action as well with Enrique Ogayar of New York City taking a 10 pound weak from the Robert Moses shore on Sunday. Carmine Bazata had a 2¾ pound fluke from the same R.M. shore on Saturday. Bobby spoke of steady fluke fishing with good catches being made by boatmen on most days. A fair pick of fish from the piers as well.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that fluking continues to improve in "leaps and bounds". He tabbed this past week as the best of the season. The skipper has been working numerous spots in the bay from the inlet as far east as East Channel. A 50/50 keeper ratio has been found in some areas. Also a good showing of 2-4 pound class fluke in the bay. Friday, Saturday and Sunday's best action was on the AM trips which coincided with the last of the flood and first of the ebb. Evening trips experienced a slowdown early in the week due to a rough inlet. Thursday evening, however, saw plenty of excitement as one fare whipped a 34½ pound striper on a 007 jig. The fish was weighed, pictures taken, and the big bass was released. A fair number of blues were taken that night as well. Action with bay blues did improve over the weekend. A reminder that these trips run from 6-10PM daily.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** reported super bluefishing on the night trips with 12 to 20 fish per man the norm. The fish, which range from 5 to 8 pounds are located south and southeast of the inlet in 70 to 80 feet of water. The area south of Cherry Grove and Patchogue has been especially productive. There has been a marked improvement in the size and quantity of fluke from the inlet back to West Island. Gordon felt confident that we now have a solid mid-summer run underway and he too noted a good showing of fluke between 2 and 4 pounds. Flood tide has produced best near the RM Bridge and Coast Guard Station while some good scores were made on the Ebb near West Island and Kismet.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** said that fluke fishing continues on the upswing with both numbers and size improving steadily. He labelled Sunday as a particularly good day with quite a few fish in the 2-3 pound range taken. Charlie figured

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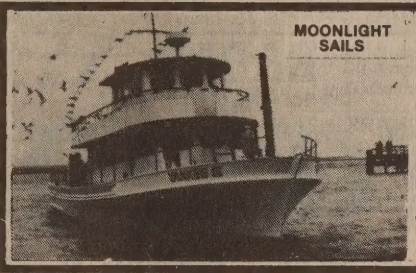

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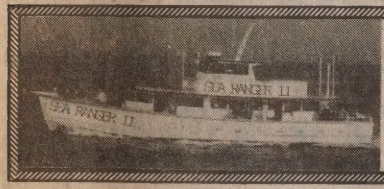

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1 out of 3 fish was a keeper. As for night bluefishing, very good action on Saturday south of Cherry Grove with fish in the 4-8 pound class.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported good fluke fishing the rule this week. On Thursday, Ray Bartlett and Bruce Vesolski teamed to take 10 keepers including 2 over 5 pounds near the Lighthouse. The pair fished incoming water using squid and spearing combos fished in conjunction with spinner blades. On Friday, Tom Healy looked west for his fluking. He teamed with Greg Nisito, and working the waters of Fundy Bay, Tom found a 6.15 pound fluke. It was taken on a bucktail. On Sunday, Al Lorenzetti of the 'Skimmer' kept 8 of 30 fluke he boated at the inlet. Bluefish have been keeping plenty of boatmen busy. On Wednesday, George Huggler ran his 'Quiet Moment' southeast to 75' of water where his crew trolled and jigged 30 blues to 10 pounds. On the offshore scene, Rick Buckley watched his wife Yvonne subdue a 163 pound mako in 200' of water SSE of the inlet. Tom Christiansen of the Norseman released an estimated 600 pound tiger shark and reported seeking plenty of hammerheads in their slick. Many tuna were reported seen cavorting on the surface over the holiday weekend—some were caught. Peter Norwicki of the Miss Ellie put away a pair of school tuna in the SE corner of the Compass Rose on Saturday. On Sunday, the Foot Fixer returned with seven bluefin and yellowfin tuna to 75 pounds. They were taken slightly north of the Virginia. From the docks a pick of crabs and short fluke and a showing of snappers which are still too small for catching.

A strong run of flounder continues between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridges according to Bob Meyers of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Bloodworms working best on these fish. Still a lot of short fluke around but catches up to 8 keepers to 3 pounds reported from the Amity Cut. Incoming water and bucktails with squid and sandeel or spearing working best. Small blues are at the inlet with bigger fish from 5 to 10 pounds south of Cherry Grove in 70 feet of water. An occasional weakfish still being picked by fluke fishermen. Paul Sellers put away a 10¼ pound weak fluke style on Saturday. Some small snappers reported from the Wellwood Ave. Dock and crabs remain very good with traps doing most of the damage.

Chester Shew over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported that Michael and Jim Giarraputo took a 136 pound dusky and many bluefish while fishing 150' of water aboard their 'Karen E' on Friday. Also on Friday, Steve Gorona clicked with a 65 pound white marlin. Large schools of yellowfin and bluefin tuna reported on the surface in 150 to 170 feet of water southeast of the inlet. Fish were caught on Green Machines and Daisy rigged artificial squid. Inside the bay,

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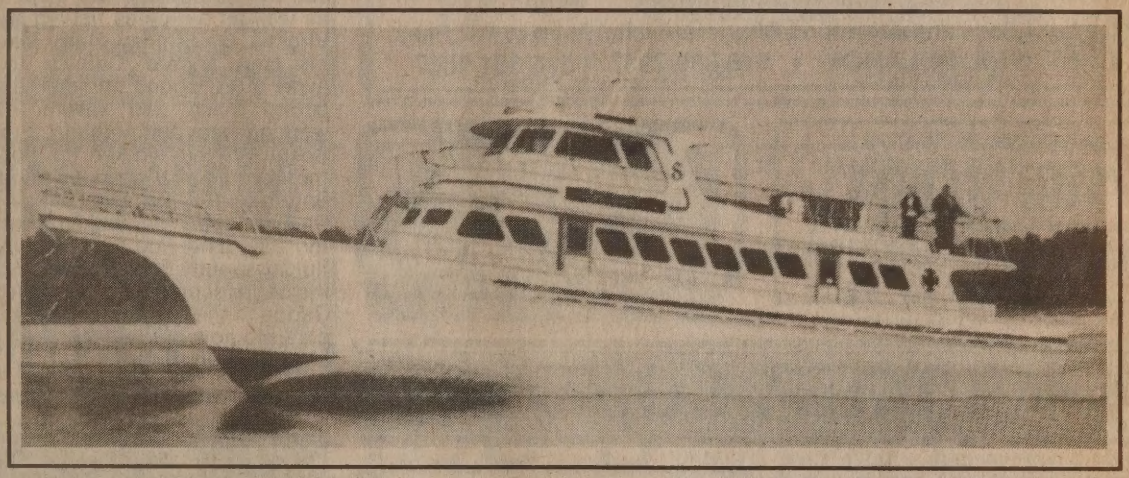

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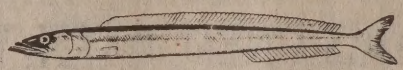

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Al Speehr managed to cull weaks of 5 and 7 pounds from amongst the boat traffic along south beach on Sunday. He used jellyworms.

Bob Vitale speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported a box of blues to 5 pounds for Joe Grasso and Bret Murray on Saturday. The pair used bunker chunks and sandeels just outside Fire Island Inlet. Blues were thick in 70' of water south of Cherry Grove and the Lighthouse. Ed Unkel fished with Dr. Joe on Sunday and put away 7 tuna as well as big blues fishing near the Virginia. On Sunday, Barry Mack and his crew aboard 'Cathy's Too' put away a 300 pound hammerhead, 100 pound mako and several duskies working near the Virginia. Fred and Susan Walters worked the pocket of the Sore Thumb on both Friday and Saturday and put away a pail full of flounder each day working the last of the incoming tide. Bob labelled the fluking greatly improved with some of the better scores being made from the Bridge to the Lighthouse. Small snappers are now at the docks and crabbing has been decent.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

With summer on us, both inshore and offshore fishing has been ranging from good to very good. Mako action has really picked up and reports are starting to filter in on yellowfin and bigeye tuna. Numbers of fluke being caught remains very high, but with a continuing small ratio of keepers. Flounder remain moderately strong in the deeper and colder waters. Blue claw crabs are making their presence known. Generally speaking, virtually everyone caught fish this week who wet a line. Of course, we must not forget the super duper bluefishing which is going on for the day and night party boats and also for private boats fishing along the beaches.

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Over in Seaford, we learn from **Wanser's Tackle** of a 7 lb. 4 oz. fluke caught by master angler Russ "Flounder Belly" Brown, using squid-spearing combo Friday at Black Banks. Fluking has taken a moderate upturn this week with best areas being Black Banks, the Massapequa Shoreline, Tobay, Squaw Island and the Jones Beach Pier area. Flounder continue to be caught in the deeper

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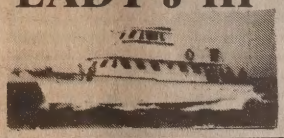

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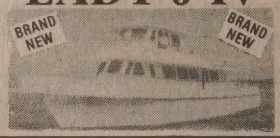

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Captain Sig Signorelli of the Seaford based charter boat **3 Sea-Sons** says the shark fishing is in full swing with makos caught on almost all trips. An example is the trip for Allan "Lucky" Goldstein and family who caught and released a brown shark estimated at over 200 lbs. and a 170 lb. mako which was brought back for eating. Sig says he still has a few choice dates open.

We learn from **Pop's Fishing Station** that the fluke are being caught on a one-sixth keeper ratio, with the area from 4 Corners to the 2nd Wantagh bridge being best on spearing and sand eel combos.

Fair fluking this week, said Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh, with 2 to 10 keeper fluke per boat. He says there's roughly a 10 percent keeper ratio going on this past week. Best areas were Long Creek, Broad Creek, Reynolds Channel, Rowboat Alley and the east side of the 2nd Wantagh, ebb tide best. High hook of the week was Jerry who fished between the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges on the west side, scoring with 17 keepers. Kris Crawford on Sunday bagged a 5 lb. fluke in Haunts. Bill Klappert had a 3 lb. 2 oz. fluke. A mystery angler on Saturday working the state channel had a 4 lb. 10 oz. fluke. Smelts have been the hot bait. Mike called the flounder action slow but knew that there were fish in the deeps for those using chum at the Big M. Some sea bass on inshore wrecks and good sea bassing at Cholera. Blues at Cholera on bait and chum and loads of them on bait or jigs in 80 to 120 feet of water. Bob Jelly fishing 40 miles southeast of Jones had a great white shark on for 6 hours, which was finally lost. Bob estimated the fish which was 12 feet long at 800 lbs. Lots of small blues in the bay on small tins, but that game is all over by 6AM. Blue claws at Cedar bar and don't forget to return the females.

At **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Gary knew of very decent bluefishing at Cholera, mostly on bait and chum. Customers told him that the fluking off the Merrick golf course has picked up a bit, also off the old construction dock area. He told of a showing of blue claws around the Jones Beach Piers.

At **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore, Scott said the best action of the week has been for the private boats dragging single spoons, umbrellas, and diamond jigging along the beaches both east and west of Jones Inlet, with fish mixed sizes.

Over in Freeport, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** has been working 17 Fathoms days for fish 2 to 5 lbs. on diamonds, with pool fish usually running 6 to 8 lbs., with good anglers taking anywhere from 25 to 50 fish. Night trips have been very good too and this has all been on bait.

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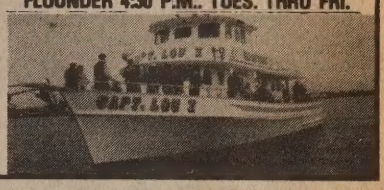

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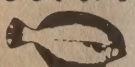

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USMC had 26 blues plus the pool fish. Catches have been made along the beaches on jigs daytime and further off on bait and chum at night. On one of the fluke trips, Betty and Bob Barber of NJ bagged a 4 lb. fluke and 6 other keepers out of a total of 40 fluke between them.

A call from the charter boats **Lady J III** and **IV** advised that they sailed mostly Statue of Liberty trips this week, with two fluke trips for Grand Pacific Finance Corp. and the Steve Mondello group. Both trips saw lots of fluke action with enough keepers to keep interest piqued.

A call from the **Captain Lou Fleet** advised that the **CL III** is now switching over from flounder to fluke starting Friday. The 4:30 PM flounder trips will be run Tuesday through Friday.

We learn from **Lou's Fishing Station** at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal of the results of the Charvin Shark Tournament held last weekend. First place taking $6,675 was 327½ lb. mako on a 23 foot boat by owner/angler Roy Mains; 2nd prize of $2,670 went to Capt. Art Fiedler with a 324 mako on his 25 foot Blue Water; 3rd prize of $1335 went to a 134 mako caught by Alain DeBuois on his boat Marie Antoinette.

Lou says the weekend just past was good with a lot of fluke action, but a lot of throwbacks. He called the floundering good and the sea bassing excellent on local wrecks, rocks and reefs, fish to 2 lbs. Sharking has been mainly in the 130 foot depths. Riis Park fluking ran hot and cold. Steve Drourr on his boat Infinity, had a 204 lb. mako. On the charter boat **Kristen**, skipper Larry Festa had a mako that went over 100 lbs. Fishing the north tip of the canyon, the charter boat **Nan-Sea** bagged 3 bigeye tuna and 7 yellowfin on feathers.

In nearby Point Lookout, Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** has switched to fluking. Lots of fish in the bay he said with most being midgets, but still some nice keepers caught every trip. Best action has been on the ebb in reynolds. High hooks have been running 6 to 7 keepers per half day trip. Sunday's pool fish was a 4 lber. in the AM for Al Truissi. Sunday's PM pool was a 4½ lber. for John Jacoberger. Regular Seymour bagged a 5 lb. fluke taking Saturday's AM pool. The night bluefishing has been very good and consistent, fish 6 to 10 lbs. on bait and chum.

Word from **Ed's Fishing Station** is of very good fluke action but with many midgets, best action being at the station west to buoy 16 on the flood and the first half of outgoing. Ed said the keeper ratio has been 1 out of 7 fish. Keepers have been averaging 2½ lbs., with several 3 and 4 lbers. brought in everyday. Flounder action for fish 1 to 1½ lbs. has been good off the CG station and throughout Sloop Channel. Some small blues to 2½ lbs. running through the bays. A few 3 to 5 lb. blackfish on fiddlers at the Big M.

A call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Monday's and Tuesday's trips for Tuck-Her-Inn Bar and Gril and for the Joe DeSabato group. Each trip saw a total daily catch of roughly 600 fluke with about a 15 percent keeper ratio. Frank Ciccone had a mixed total of 48 keepers and non-keepers, Donna Dellixo had a total of 19 keepers and non-keepers while Tony Vallone had 6 keepers out of 27 total caught. Saturday's bluefish jigging for the Leroy King group worked Seabright and had over 300 blues 2 to 4 lbs. for 13 anglers. Fish were absolutely committing suicide and ran to 6 lbs. Sunday's trip for the Joe Principalli group had roughly 300 total fluke caught with a 10 percent keeper ratio.

Aboard the open boat **Capt. Al** this week the skipper told of absolutely magnificent bluefishing, with over 1,000 fish everyday. Saturday saw Gil Acosta with 42. S. Andian of Far Rockaway had 72, while D. Jones of Levittown had 78. On Sunday, George and Allen Neimeth were satisfied with 90 fish, and it was 98 blues for John Anderson and pal Brian Abramowitz. Friday was equally superb said the skiper if not "superber." Fishing just couldn't be faster, he said, like jerking mackerel. Fish were all jigged to the tune of 1 to 3 bags a man. All the blues you wanted. Al says the night trips have been hot and cold and in August, the night trips should be hot and consistent, as the day trips are now. Al says the bluefishing will never get better than it is right now.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** said he wished all the fluke caught were keepers, but unfortunately that was not the case, that his skiffs settled for a 10 percent keeper ratio. Rob Anderson using sand eels took a 3 lber. Buoy 19 in Reynolds, the CG station area and Swift Creek have been providing lots of flounder and fluke action. Excellent bluefishing at Cholera on bait and chum on Sunday, fish 8 to 14 lbs. Some bonito being trolled on feathers from Cholera to 140 feet out.

Aboard the **Commodore** out of Island Park, the skipper advised that action off Riis Park was not too swift

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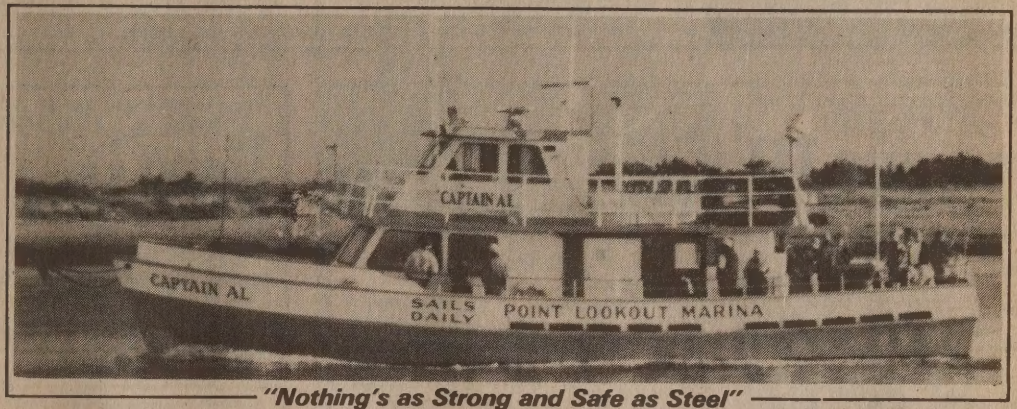

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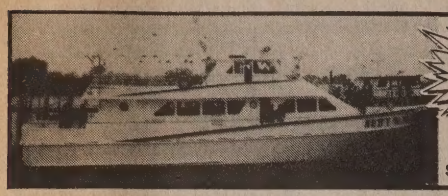

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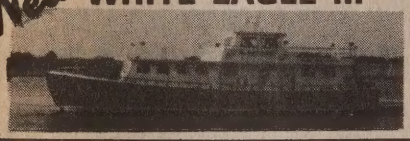

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A call from Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told of stripers and blues being livelined at the ABB during the week. Steve Furriggio had 15 bass in the 12 lb. range (which were released) and some blues on bunker. Trollers also had blues and bass on bucktails and umbrellas. The Magnolia Blvd. pier is still producing some fluke and an occasional blue on leadheads tipped with spearing. Fluking was best in Reynolds, on both sides of the ABB and at buoys 3 and 9 on killies and spearing. John Cannatella and Bill Tigue managed 27 keeper fluke to 3½ lbs. at buoy 3 while anchored and chumming and fishing killies. Blues and occasional weaks off the beaches for trollers.

Over in Franklin Square, Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** said it was a bang-up week for customer Cam Borruso, who had big flounder at the Big M on his boat Squeteague, fish to 2½ lbs. Thursday, incoming water using sand worms. On Sunday, Cam and Mike Aubel fishing at Montauk bagged 9 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. on the open boat Lazybones. Back home, Cam also livelined with bunker, 17 bass in Reynolds. These were his first bass, which he of course released.

Word from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook is of the winner of the Captain Charlie Nappi Fluke Tournament, who is Frank Vella, Franklin

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NEW YORK BIGHT

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Cross Bay Blvd. in Howard Beach said that the north and south channel bridge areas have been producing good bluefishing on chunks and weakfish on whole live bunker. Also sand porgies are being caught on worms. A nice catch of a 12 lb. 8 oz. weak, two weaks of 11 lb. 4 oz. each and two more weaks at 10 lbs. were caught off the South channel bridge on chunks by John Wrenn, Billy Wilson and George Molnar, all in a boat at the bridge abutment. Bob Barr had a 15 lb. blue on a whole bunker while Artie of the Store had a 9 lb. weak on a whole bunker.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet, told of very good bluefishing both day and night for the party boats. Best action at night has been 17 fathoms on jigs with the boats fishing Princess and Raritan Bay daytime on jigs. Bait and chum have been best at night. Fish are mixed sizes, but for larger fish it's been nighttime. Fluking was classified as good. On Sunday, Teddy Sport Jr., age 12, bagged a 7 lb. fluke on a Bay Charter.

Captain Walt Wiegand of the **Flamingo III** said bluefishing was excellent all week all on diamonds with fish 3 to 5 lbs. with a few larger specimens. He called the night trips very good also with Saturday night a standout fishing offshore Seabright to the area west of the BA. He said once

the machine shows fish balled up in a big mound on the bottom, the jigs go down and it's wild action from that minute on.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** says the fluking was good this past week. On Thursday Ed Ruiz had a 9 lb. pool winning fluke fishing off the Jersey coast. The keepers are running generally larger now said the skipper. Sunday's fares had a lot of 5 and 6 lbers. amongst the midgets. Pool winner was Marty Nutty with a 9¼ lb. fluke. It was a strong day with lots of 3 and 4 lbers. and of course a lot of midgets.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

All species of fish cooperated for North Shore anglers this holiday weekend. Billions of bluefish, loads of fluke, and schools of porgies all were willing to take baits and lures, despite boiling heat and an enourmous amount of boat traffic.

WESTERN SOUND

John, at **John's Gun and Tackle** in **New Rochelle** said that all boats did a number on bluefish all weekend, with trolling, plugging, and finally jigging getting all the blues you wanted. The **Klondike**, working in mid-sound off Oyster Bay on Sunday, called the bluefishing "a leap job!" Fluke remain very strong from Sands Point, Prospect Point through to Bayville and Lloyds with very good concentrations. No weakfish reports yet, although lots of stripers are around for plugging and baiting for the catch and release group.

Porgy fishing is red hot at Prospect Point, Sands Point and all along the shoreline according to John at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** in **City Island**. Anglers on the **North Star** had buckets of porgies with a few blackfish and flounder on the weekend. Betty Anderson caught a three and a half pound sea bass on one of the weekend trips. Average size porgy is half to one pound, with some reaching one and a half. Blues are all over with Execution Light and Stepping Stones particularly hot. Agusto D'Agustino fished with Larry Ruffa on the "Annamarie" on Thursday and found bluefish to fourteen pounds, however a fourteen pound weakfish also was caught. On July 4th, Agusto fished with Doug Meyers and located a gorilla bluefish of sixteen and three quarter pounds at Cuban's Ledge.

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob, at **Huntington Prop**, confirmed some weakfish were jigged at the Obstruction Buoy early Saturday morning by Tom Shelford. The fish were all of very good size, ten to twelve pounds. Fluking continues red hot, with Sand City and Lloyd Harbor good choices for drifting. Many keepers are three and four pounds in weight. Bluefishing is hot and heavy, particularly around Cold Spring Harbor between Buoys fifteen and seventeen. Many fish weighed in the teens over the weekend.

Tom Bowman, at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** described a typical summer fishing picture, with fluke, blues and porgies the center of attraction. Bluefish are all over with best action as usual, early in the morning and again at dusk. Fluke are very good at Sand City, and the west side of Eaton's Neck, with outgoing tide the best this past weekend. Porgies good at the OB Buoy at Eaton's Neck and the loading platform off the LILCO plant. While weakfish reports are scarce, a few were brought in from the Crane's Neck area during the week. Mackerel continue to surprise youngsters fishing local docks.

Captain John Alberda of the "TJ", of **Sound Charters**, reports small bluefish all over, with a few larger fish mixed in. Weakfish are due any day, with a few showing up under the bluefish. This very hot weather may inspire them to feed. On Saturday, a charter trip with Doctor Blum, his son and a friend loaded up with fifty blues, top weight six pounds. With the July full moon on the 21st, Captain Alberda will schedule special evening and night striped bass charters, beginning in July to November. Call for further information and reservations.

Very good fluking in the Huntington area, according to George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle**, with a sharp increase in the number of keepers over the weekend. Sand City was the lucky spot for teenager Fletcher Winston, who hooked and boated a seven pound eleven ounce doormat. Lou Tinto found his five pounder at Lloyd Harbor. Diamond Point, Eaton's Neck and the Nissequogue River all contained nice fluke, as many as three to seven keepers per angler. Large blues are best in Huntington, Cold Springs and Oyster Bay Harbors, best early in the morning for slammers to fourteen pounds in weight. Cocktail and "mini" blues are all over the place. Mixed size porgies, from half to one and a quarter pounds, are entrenched in the channel in Northport Bay. Crane's Neck held some two pounders while Center Island boasted good catches of scup up to one and a half pounds. There have been no reports on weakfish but their usual haunts should be given a shot.

Mel Fleishman has had a few very small snappers brought into **Greenlawn Sports Shop**, indicating special action coming up for the kids. Bluefish are all over, as are bunker, according to Mel, with Makamah Beach to Buoy 11B containing some large fish, to twelve pounds. Fluking continues good on squid/sand eel combinations. Pat Cumming and Owen Zimmerman caught fluke from two and a half to four pounds fishing in the Sound at Sand City. Clinton Bartow (eight years old) used a jelly worm to entice his two and three quarter pound fluke. While many are looking for weaks, very few have been caught.

Captain Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** reported excellent bottom fishing all week, with the emphasis on super blackfishing. A few sea bass and blacks, along with fluke continue to take bait meant for porgies. All regular spots are producing well, with porgies of mixed sizes, but some holding jumbos. A few weakfish are taking clam baited porgy hooks on almost every trip, four last Thursday. Fluke, as many as ten per trip, are also a bycatch. Captain Bruce Cash continues to enjoy very good action with bluefish, on the **Prowler**'s day trip with a few weakfish plucked from under the blues most days. Last Tuesday's trip was red hot, with anglers catching over 2,000 blues!

"There are millions of blues in the sound", declared John Caraftis, small (mini size) outside **Port Jefferson** Harbor to Buoy 11, with larger blues to over twelve pounds in Mid Sound and a couple of miles north of Crane's

Neck. Rental craft from **Caraftis Fishing Station** encountered very good porgy action at Old Field and Crane's Neck with a few blacks and sea bass mixed in. Nice fluke showed up at Buoy 9. Still plenty of shorts, however, keepers are ranging to six pounds. Fluke under the Pink House are ninety percent shorts according to John.

Al, at the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford** heard of good bluefish action from Cedar Beach and Shoreham. Buckets of pan size porgies were caught from the jetties at the Shoreham Power Plant, reachable with a long walk from the town beach.

Warren Gehr, at **Warren's Archery and Fishing** in **Selden** stated that there are plenty of bluefish all over, making it difficult for would be flukers to get their baits down to the bottom. However, Ray Dine did strike paydirt at Rocky Point on Friday, when he located eleven keeper fluke, top weight four pounds.

Matt "Sherlock" Hazan caught several nice fluke fishing east of Shoreham. The largest weighed five pounds at **Ralph's Fishing Station**. Blues are all over the place, mostly cocktail size, however one of nine pounds four ounces was caught by Michael Guerris, while fishing at Crane's Neck. A few weakfish were caught locally over the weekend, under the bluefish.

Captain Fred Mildner located six weakfish and about sixty bluefish on Sunday's charter of all women, which included Marianne, Carol, Phyllis, Elaine and a friend. A three pound fluke was also put aboard the fishbox on the **Hawkeye**. Saturday's trip concentrated on fluke, and was declared a success.

Captain Frank has enjoyed quality fluke catches on the open boat trips on the **My Yacht II**, with three to five keepers per angler on each trip. However, on the Fourth of July, many more fish showed up, with five to ten keepers per man of fluke in the two to five pound range fishing east of Mount Sinai. Saturday's charter with Joe Marfonatal tried fluking in the morning, then filled up with bluefish.

Bill, at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** remarked that an occasional weakfish has been jigged under the blues at Buoy 11. Blues are being caught by boaters. Porgies were taken in good numbers close to the beaches (where draggers can't work). A better ratio of keepers to shorts was noticed by flukers in the Rocky Point area over the weekend.

Al Sturges, at **Captain Al's Complete Angler** tried fluking last Tuesday, accompanied by his wife Kitty and Mr. and Mrs. Waltz. Al related that plenty of fluke were located in every depth of water from twenty to eighty feet off Cedar Beach, Buoy 11, and from the Pink House to Buoy 9. They finished with a bucket of keepers. A few bluefish took the fluke baits, providing extra excitement. Porgies are entrenched at Buoy 11, Crane's Neck, and Rocky Point.

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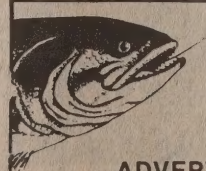

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NORTH FORK

Liz, at Charlie's **Mattituck Fishing Station**, said that lots of porgies continue to be caught at the Firing Range and Cooper's Rock, with the former a little better. Most anglers return with at least a bucket of porgies. A few weaks continue to be tempted by squid baited on high hooks while bottom fishing. B luefish came in over the weekend at the Buoy 5 area, while the Firing Range held a good number of fluke. Fluking in 35 feet of water produced a better keeper ratio. Captain Bob Ceglowski felt the fluking picture was erratic; however, about two dozen keepers were caught on a Monday's charter with Rosemary Fedorco and her family. Fluke range to 5 lbs. Rosemary also tangled with an 18 lb. bluefish, which took a fluke bait. Tuesday's open boat trip was better with about 40 fish put aboard the **Capt. Bob.** While the fluke picture remains bright, Capt. Bob will fish for them on his open trips for another week or so. Call him for last minute changes.

Great porgy catches were brought into Petersen's **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** last week. One angler fishing by himself on Wednesday, caught 200 porgies and was back at the dock by noon. Firing Range was the scene of the action. Another group, fishing at the "Sea Buoy," on Friday returned with five buckets full of porgies with the remainder on the deck of the skiff. On Sunday, Alberto Dobles, his wife, and daughter, fished off the Motel for 150 porgies, four fluke and big blues. Only a few fluke have been caught at Horton's Point; the latest notable catch being eight fluke to 4½ lbs.

Ed, at **Warren's Tackle Center**, in Aquebogue, heard that buoy 5 blues preferred white tubes trolled on umbrella rigs on the weekend. Most blues are up to 5 lbs. Porgy action was centered around Mattituck, with the Beachcomber Motel area particularly hot. Still lots of shorts on the fluke scene in the Sound, the Ruins at Gardiner's and Shinnecock Bay. Flounder are still good near the dredge at buoy 19 in Shinnecock bay. Use sandworms.

Phil Loria noticed a clearing of the water in the Peconics and the fishing proved it. John Barnes and Fred Fraizer, both of Jamaica fished on a skiff from **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** on the weekend, and caught two dozen porgies, top weight 2 lbs. Most skiffs had some fish, including fluke, fishing at buoy 26.

Captain Pete Izzo asked us to notify readers that the **Boanne II** is sailing as an open boat from Monday through Friday for fluke and bottom fishing. Last Friday's fluke trip to Gardiner's Island still found plenty of small fluke. However, one spot produced

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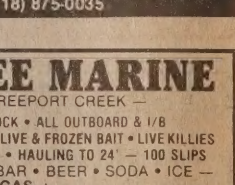

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only keepers in the 4-5 lb. range. Sunday's charter with a group from Environmental East filled coolers with great action on the northwest side of Plum Island. Over three dozen blackfish (some very large), 18 sea bass, some flounder and a striper were pulled aboard. Outgoing tide was best on both Saturday and Sunday for this spot.

Ace Cottrel heard of good numbers of porgies in 40 feet of water just northeast of Eastern Plains Point (Gardiner's). Scup were also located at Cedar Point, near the red spindle. A few weaks are around. One 10 lb. tiderunner was caught at Louie's Beach off Shelter Island and weighed at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** on the weekend. Fluke, small at the Ruins, larger at Truman's Beach (Sound) and persistent catches at Buoy 8 (E. Marion) were mentioned. Captain Ed on the "Sea Boots" spoke of blues in the Gut.

Captain John Rainis found about two dozen fluke for 19 people on Friday's trip on the **Prime Time II**. While we caught a lot of fluke on a few drifts near the Ruins in the morning, most had to be returned. Larger fluke were caught later, including the pool winner, closer to Gardiner's Island. The pool fish, about 5 lbs., was caught by Bill Truenfield, who just edged out his son, Frank, for the money.

Mrs. Ruth White heard of good catches of porgies in the Sound. Captain Bob Wassuta and his family, fishing off the golf course did a number on the fish on the weekend. No doormats came into **A.P. White**

Tommy Pamatat, age 10, with a bluefish he boated off of Eaton's Neck in Long Island Sound. Subscriber photo.

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Bait Shop on the weekend, but most anglers spoke of a better ratio of keepers in the Sound from Truman's to Horton's and on the northeast side of the Ruins at Gardiner's. A surprise catch was made by a shore bound angler who dropped his line into Greenport Harbor at the railroad pier and pulled in some fluke and blowfish. Mrs. White heard that Capt. Richie Jensen returned from Sunday's fluking on the **Nancy Ann** with 70 nice fish, the best catch so far this season.

Captain Larry Porter, of the **Brand X**, reported a fabulous week, with everyday a bonanza of porgies! Two days during the week, only one stop had to be made. In fact, Thursday's trip was so good, everyone quit fishing early and the boat was back at the dock at 2PM. The **Brand X** is fishing the Sound, off Greenport, where lots of large and jumbo porgies have been located, with anglers catching as many as they wish. With the weekend's large crowds, however, catches were limited to about three dozen per angler.

Surf REPORT *with Fred Golofaro*

Another week of pick and scratch for surf reports. The Holiday weekend with its accompanying crowds and in some areas, fireworks, did nothing to help the surf scene. Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** said that while there were plenty of casters along Shagwong over the long weekend, there were few fish caught. The fireworks probably deterred any sensible fish from coming anywhere near the beach on the weekend. While most anglers continue to await the development of a summer weakfish run, there has been little more than a fish picked here or there. However, encouraging news from boatmen that the fishing opened up on Friday and as recently as this morning (Monday) was very good. Hopefully we will still see some fish on the beach there. There were some bass taken over the course of the week on the opposite side of the point. Working near False Bar on Tuesday night, Steve Bunai used a green one ounce Superstrike Needlefish to catch and release a 34 pound striper. Fishing with him was Gary Hall who managed a 10 pounder. Gary returned on Sunday night and using white needles despite a "black night" nailed bass of 25 and 14 pounds. The Patchogue Fishing Club member also reported dropping a couple of other fish. There have been some brief flurries with bluefish along Montauk's south side as well as up front. One caster did manage a 9 pound chopper this week according to Johnny Kronuch.

Very little surf activity over the Holiday weekend according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Beaches were packed with non-fishermen and most guys didn't bother to fish.

There were some bass at the inlets last week. Pete Cilento managed several, including a 27 pound fish taken on a Rebel. A reliable source informed me that a couple of boatmen have been quietly working over some big stripers inside Moriches Inlet.

Over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Chester Shew made his own news by beaching a 40" striper on a live eel, Saturday night at Robert Moses. He also knew of a few big blues being picked on bait between sunset and daybreak at Moses and Cedar.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti reported a few short bass at West End. A pick of big blues on bait along the open beach including Jones Beach—West End II, Field 6, Cedar Beach and Robert Moses. This has been strictly a nighttime and early morning affair.

Very little in the way of North Shore reports other than quite a bit of bluefish action scattered along much of the Sound's beaches. Some big blues are being taken on bait and occasionally on plugs but the bulk of the fishing concerns small blues during the morning and evening hours. Casters at Sunken Meadow got in a couple of good sessions over the course of this past week. And in the Rocky Point area, lots of cocktail blues from 1 to 1½ pounds entertaining casters from Broadway to Wading River Town Beach.

Freshwater REPORT *with Tom Schlichter*

Hot, humid weather coupled with the noise of fireworks launched over many lakes and ponds, did little this week to spark the enthuasiasm of freshwater gamefish or dedicated anglers. Still, there were a few noteworthy fish taken by those who persisted and catches of panfish, carp and bullheads were actually on the rise by Sunday morning. Anglers should note that early morning (before 7:00 am) and late evening are consistently producing the best catches. Also, for those of you who might not have had the chance to pick up a freshwater license, I suggest that you do so as soon as possible. Over the weekend, I observed anglers on two different lakes receive tickets for fishing without a freshwater permit. You're chances of being stopped are especially great on any lake which has been stocked with trout. (Despite popular belief, warnings are NOT customary.)

From **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in **Franklin Square**, Fred Mello reports hot weather and slow fishing. A few bass are being picked on live killies early and late in the day at Hempstead Lake. One angler also reported breaking off an estimated four pound pickerel here. Little other action to note.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, George informed us that despite the high temperatures, carp, bass and pickerel are all feeding actively in the Mill Pond and Twin Lakes. The carp have been especially active with fish to ten pounds reportedly hooked in the Mill Pond.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale** had two reports he felt were noteworthy. First off, Carl Fahey worked jitterbugs and hula hoppers on the surface of Laurel Lake to connect with six bass to three pounds. Second, Paul Grossman fished a fly and bobber rig under the spillway of Lower Lake in Yaphank to connect with a fourteen inch brook trout on Friday.

From the crew over at **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, we hear that carp fishing has been very good at the junction of Montauk Highway and Route #231 in Babylon. A few pickerel and bass are also mixing in at this location. The Cuttings Ponds in Oakdale are producing some good bluegill action with a smattering of small bass. Trout fishing in local ponds, notably Mill Pond in Sayville, has been surprisingly consistent.

John at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, reports Joe Gruny scored this week with a few pickerel to two pounds in the Peconics. At Lace Mill Pond in Patchogue, a few bass and pickerel continue to be taken early and late in the day. Rodger Ciccion and John Reichel connected there with three pickerel to 3.5 pounds. Shop regulars will be happy to know that Joey is back to work this week.

From Al Schreier of the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**, we learned of good fishing for bass, pickerel and panfish in Artist Lake and Lower Yaphank Lake. Worms have been the most productive bait choice with morning and evening producing the best scores with all species.

From the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports slow going with bass and pickerel. However, panfishing is real good right now. Carlos Falero and family took advantage of some cooperative bluegills on Sunday, coming back to the yard with a nice bucketful.

At **Crazy Chief's Ski and Sport** in **Hunter Mountain**, Ken Josephson reports trout fishing still on the slow side but bass action has picked up considerably in North Lake. Still waiting for a little rain to put the trout back on the feed.

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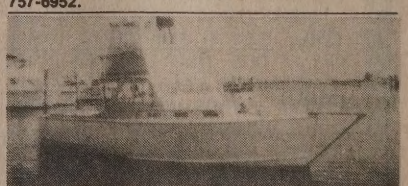

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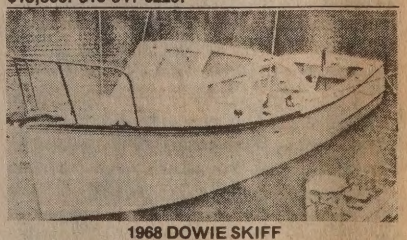

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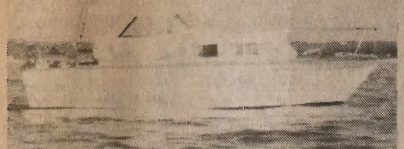

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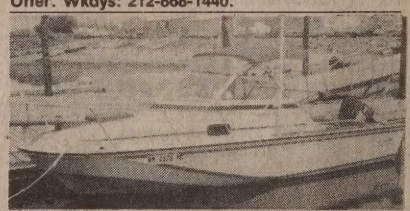

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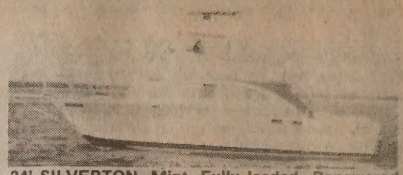

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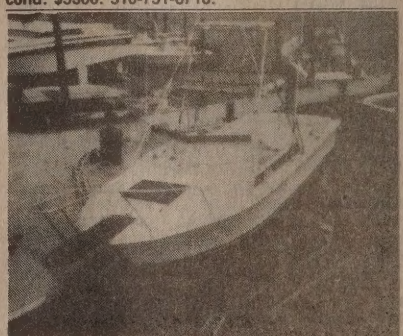

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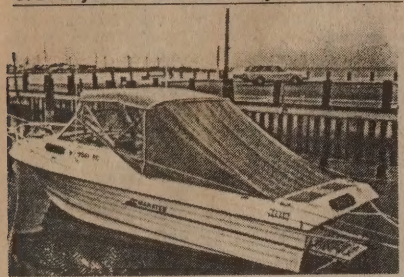

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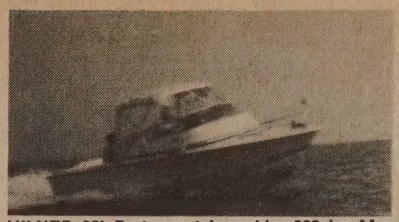

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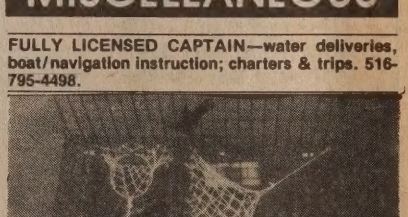

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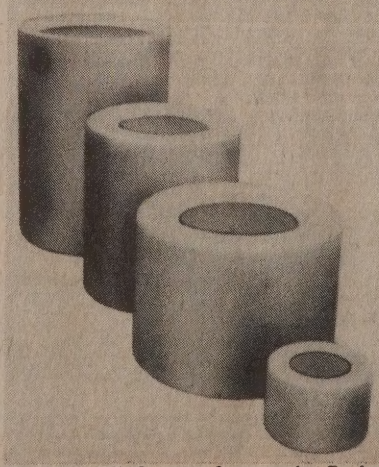

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:50	10:50	11:30	11:50	11:40	11:30	—	12:30	1:30	2:00	1:40	2:10	10:50	11:00	7/10
FRI.	11:35	11:30	—	12:15	—	12:10	12:50	1:10	2:10	2:40	2:20	2:50	11:30	11:45	7/11
SAT.	—	12:20	12:50	1:15	12:40	1:30	1:30	1:50	2:55	3:25	3:05	3:35	—	12:30	7/12
SUN.	12:40	1:10	1:30	1:50	1:40	2:00	2:05	2:45	3:40	4:10	3:50	4:20	12:45	1:10	7/13
MON.	1:30	1:55	2:00	2:45	1:50	2:20	3:00	3:35	4:35	5:05	4:45	5:15	1:25	2:00	7/14
TUES.	2:05	2:55	2:55	3:40	2:30	3:20	4:00	4:35	2:05	2:55	5:40	6:10	2:25	3:00	7/15
WED.	3:10	4:00	3:55	4:40	3:35	4:20	5:05	5:30	3:10	4:00	6:45	7:10	3:25	4:00	7/16
THURS.	4:20	5:05	5:00	5:40	4:45	5:30	6:05	6:30	4:20	5:05	7:50	8:10	4:25	5:00	7/17

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/10	5:33	8:37
FRI. 7/11	5:33	8:37
SAT. 7/12	5:34	8:36
SUN. 7/13	5:35	8:35
MON. 7/14	5:36	8:35
TUE. 7/15	5:37	8:34
WED. 7/16	5:37	8:34

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/10	8:40AM	10:50PM
FRI. 7/11	9:45AM	11:15PM
SAT. 7/12	10:50AM	11:40PM
SUN. 7/13	11:55AM	—
MON. 7/14	1:05AM	12:25PM
TUE. 7/15	2:20AM	1:00PM
WED. 7/16	3:30AM	1:10PM

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7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	8:20	**2:10**	8:50	**2:35**
Fri.	8:45	**2:35**	9:15	**3:00**
Sat.	9:40	**3:30**	10:10	**3:55**
Sun.	10:30	**4:20**	10:55	**4:40**
Mon.	11:20	**5:10**	11:45	**5:30**
Tues.	—	**5:55**	12:05	**6:20**
Wed.	12:35	**6:40**	12:50	**7:00**
Thurs.	1:15	**7:20**	1:30	**7:45**

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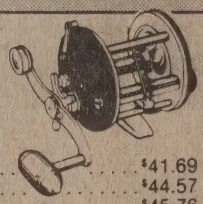

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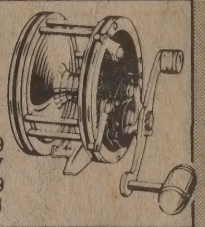

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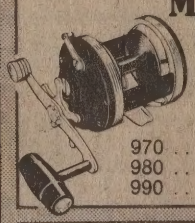

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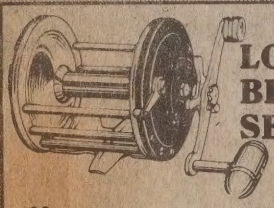

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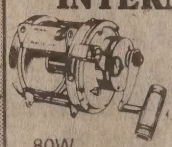

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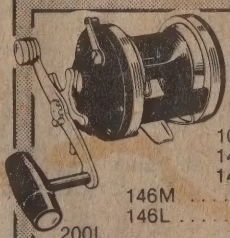

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500L	$32.02
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501M	$30.47
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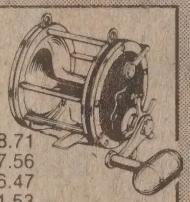

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